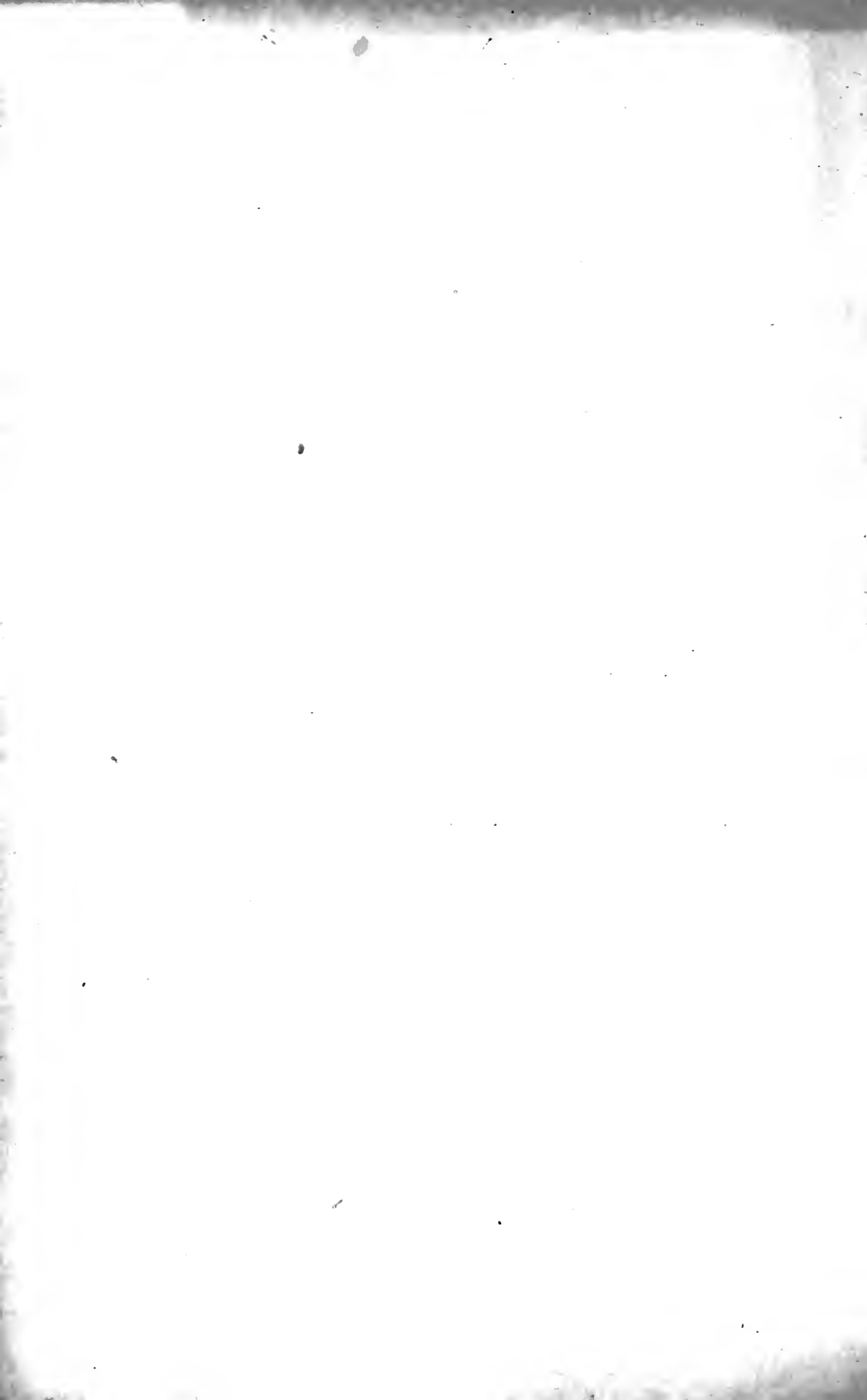
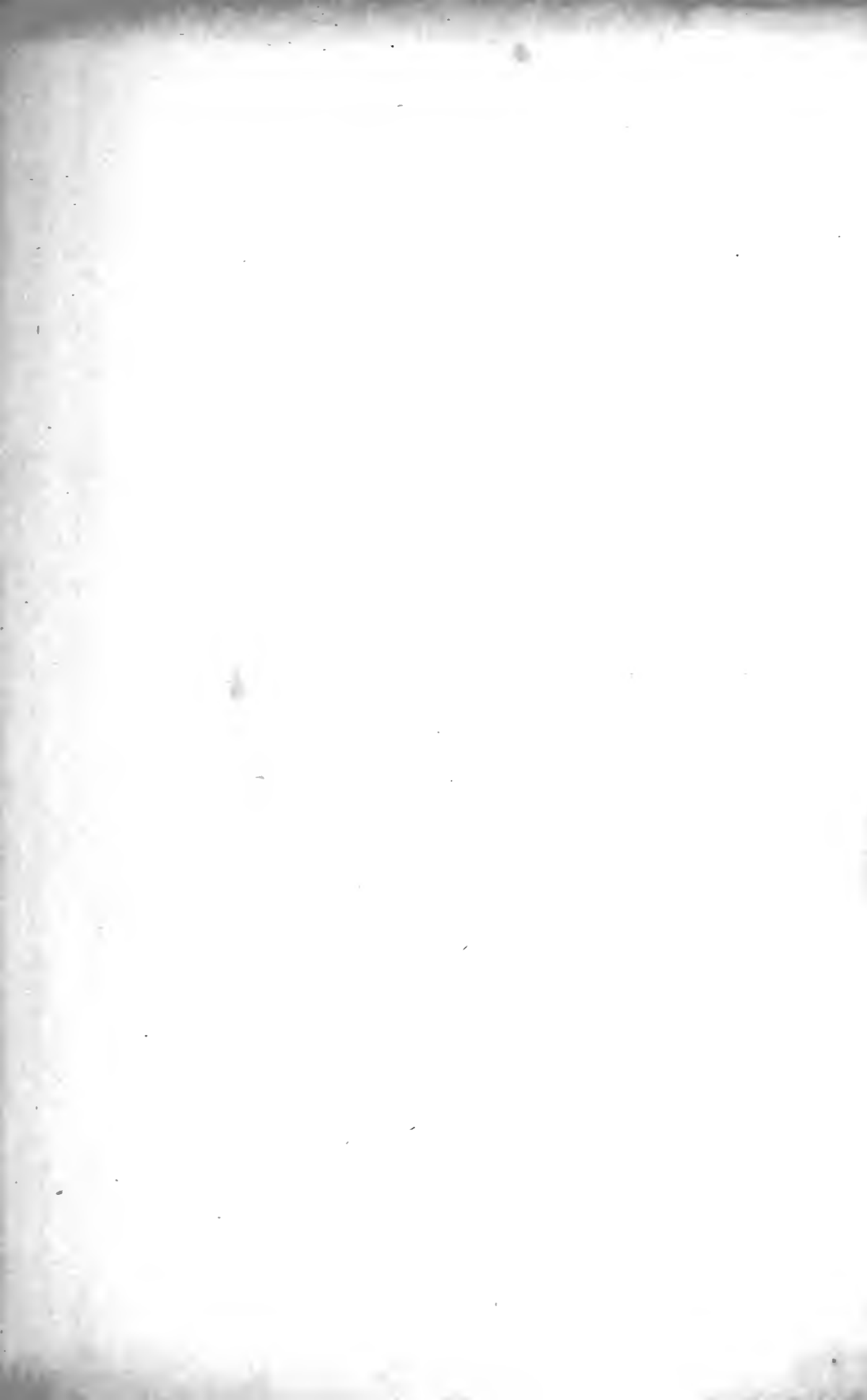
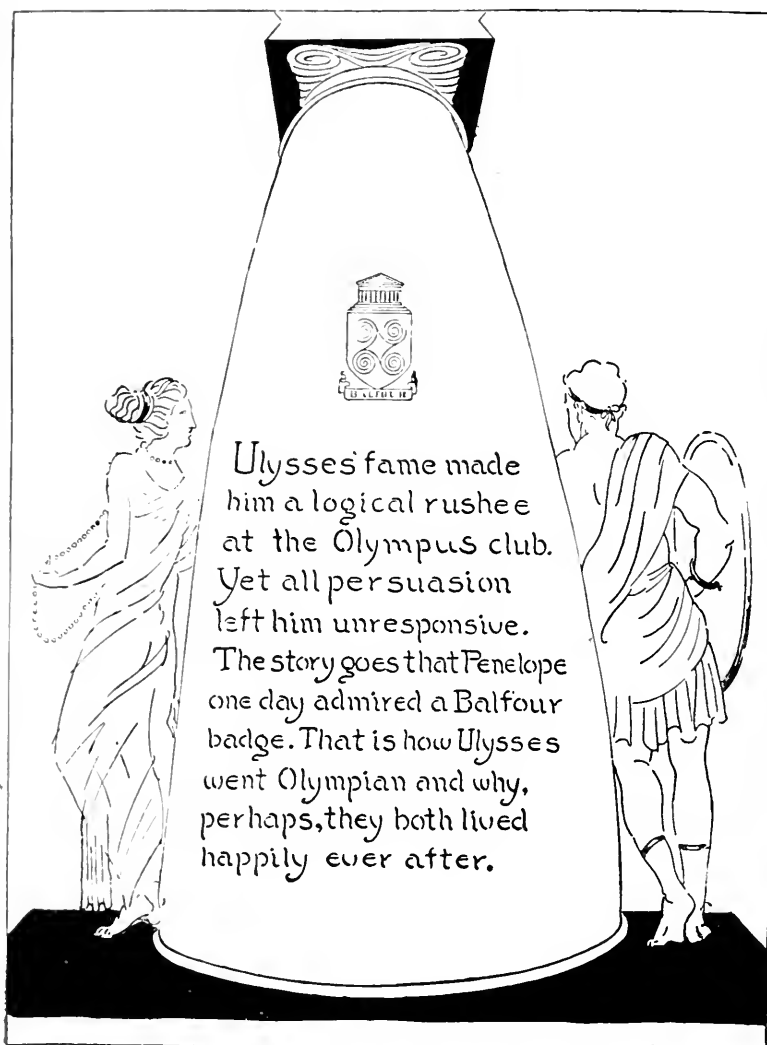


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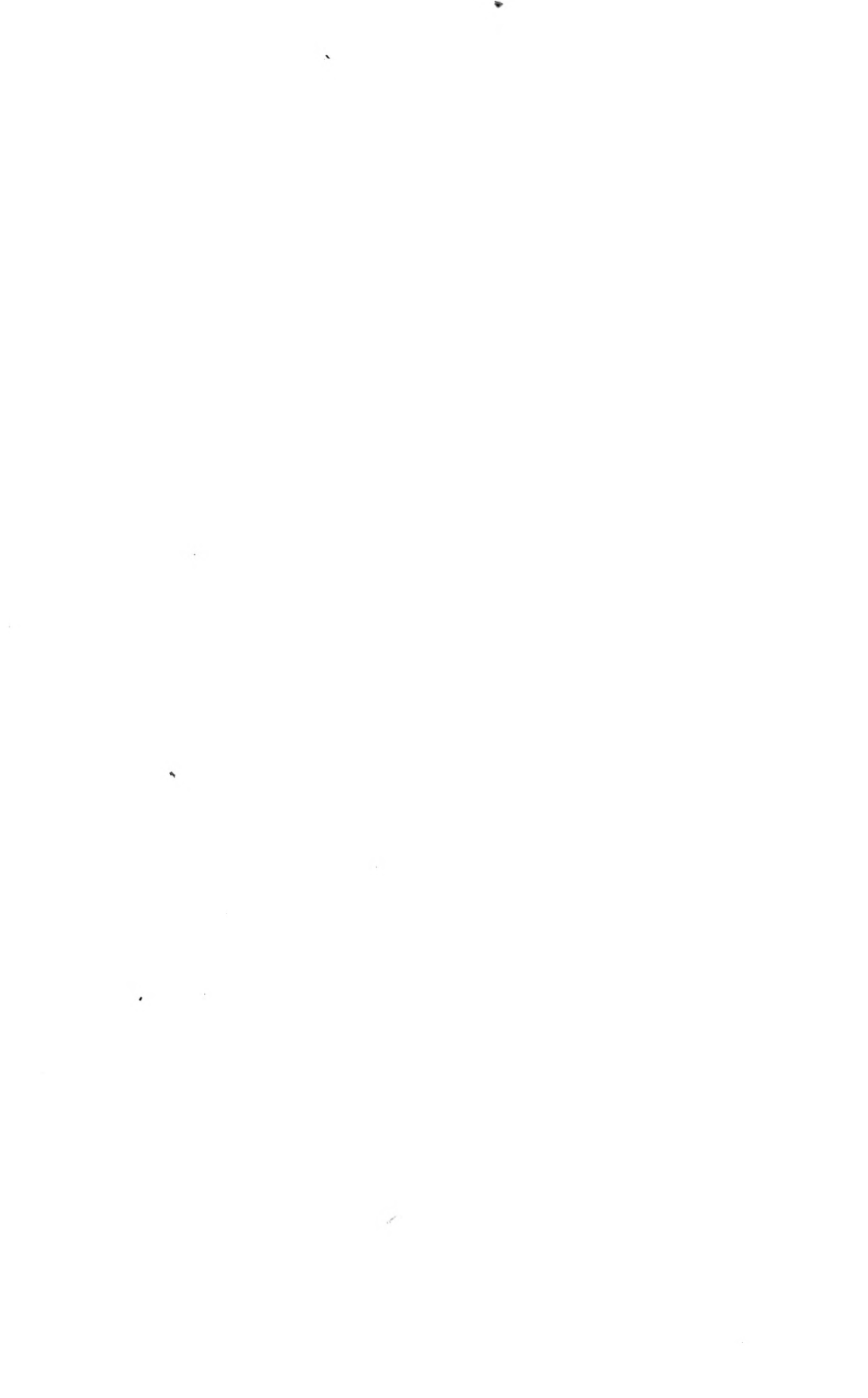
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—IRWIN EDMAN.

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Founder William Andrew Wallace Receives Final Summons

DR. William Andrew Wallace, one of the six founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon, passed away January 30, 1929, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, after an illness of six weeks following an operation for mastoiditis, bringing to a close a life of singular beauty and having been the co-creator of an institution that has been the source of inspiration and guidance for thousands of men who will sincerely grieve his loss even though they may have never personally known him.

Dr. Wallace was but forty-six years old, having been born at Stuart's Draft, Virginia, May 7, 1882. For twenty-one years he had been one of the leading physicians and citizens of Spartanburg, South Carolina, interested not only in the practice of his profession but in the social, religious and material welfare of his community. He was educated at the Richmond College and the University College of Medicine at Richmond. He served as interne in the Boston Floating Hospital and later in a Richmond hospital. In 1908 he located in Spartanburg and soon won a prominent position in his profession, both in that city and the state. During his career

he was a member of the Spartanburg County Medical Society and was president of that body in 1927. He was a member of the First Baptist church and took an active interest in its work and was also a member of the Spartanburg Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada Bearley Wallace, three children, John B., William A. Jr., and Mary D. Wallace, a sister, Mrs. Lee Crouch of Elkins, West Virginia, and a brother, Thomas Wallace, of Stuart's Draft, Virginia.

The funeral services were conducted from the Wallace residence by Rev. William L. Ball, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, rector of the Church of the Advent, Episcopal. Rev. Ball was a classmate of Dr. Wallace at Richmond College. Members of the Spartanburg County Medical Society and a large number of friends served as honorary pall bearers. The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity paid its respects to the memory of its departed founder by a delegation of brothers who attended the last rites. Interment was in the Oakwood Cemetery at Spartanburg.

The departed founder was the sec-



DR. WILLIAM H. WALLACE

ond of the original six who have passed away, Founder Benjamin D. Gaw having preceded him in death many years ago. Born in Virginia of Baptist parentage he attended the Baptist institution, Richmond College, where he took his arts course with the class of 1903. In 1901 with Carter A. Jenkins, '02, Benjamin D. Gaw, '03, W. Hugh Carter, '02, Thomas T. Wright, '04, and William L. Phillips, '03, Dr. Wallace formed the society that became Sigma Phi Epsilon. Originally named Sigma Phi and having the heart-shaped badge that has only changed by the addition of the Epsilon, the organization was known as the "Sacred Hearts." Later the name was changed to Sigma Phi Epsilon. The next year the members of the fraternity decided to extend their sphere of influence and form other chapters, and W. Wallace, who had just entered the University College of Medicine at Richmond, organized what was known as Beta Chapter and he became the first member of it. Upon this decision Carter A. Jenkins withdrew from the original organization for the reason that he had been a member of Chi Phi fraternity, an existing national, prior to entering Richmond College and could not, under its laws, maintain a membership in two national fraternities. From that time on, although a founder of the fraternity, he has had no relation to Sigma Phi Epsilon and his name is not found upon its rolls.

As a student in old Richmond College and a member of what for many years was known as "Alpha Chapter" of the fraternity Dr. Wallace has been described by Founder W. Hugh Carter as follows: "He was a tall, handsome fellow with light complexion and an abundant head of wavy hair. Engaging, yet unassuming, in manner and of a genial and friendly disposition, he soon made a

large place for himself and even in his first year gave evidence that he was destined to become one of the most popular men in the student body. This was William A. Wallace, known to his friends as 'Billy'—a native of the good old county of Augusta.

It seems perfectly natural for the student body of any institution to break up into groups of congenial spirits with similar tastes and likes and dislikes. Billy Wallace soon found his place, and to his credit be it said it was a place in a group of those who stood four-square to the world. Being a fellow of high ideals, clean, open and above board in his daily life, he came to be looked upon as one of the leaders in all that was best in college life.

"In his second year in college, a revival meeting was held in the college chapel by one of the Richmond pastors, and in this meeting Billy accepted Christ as his Savior. Outwardly, this important step made little difference in him, for he had all the time lived an exemplary life. But those who were closest to him and who knew him best knew that a fire had been kindled in his heart and that from that time on he was a new man.

"In that little group that developed into Sigma Phi Epsilon, Billy was a prime favorite and it was perfectly natural that he should become one of the leaders in the infant fraternity. He played no inconspicuous part in shaping the ideals and the policies of the new organization, and he labored zealously to establish it as a fraternity that should stand for something above the average and be a real help to its members. As one of the original six, Billy worked hard, and a full share of the credit for the success that crowned the efforts of those early years belongs to him. He was, and is (this was written March 15, 1928), an all-around man. as all those who

knew him in the trying period of the early years of Sigma Phi Epsilon can testify, and nothing better than that could be said of anyone."

From associates of Dr. Wallace during the Virginia Alpha days we have a fairly definite account of the man who helped organize our fraternity. His chief interests centered in the literary society to which he belonged, although he participated in various activities. He was interested in athletics but did not play on any of the teams. Y. M. C. A. work claimed a fair share of his attention and at one time he taught a class in the night school of the Central Y. M. C. A. of Richmond.

He was of a bright, optimistic temperament, possessed of an attractive personality and was quiet and winsome in manner, easily drawing people to him. His course at Richmond was the literary or arts course and he was a good student, known as a faithful worker. He did not graduate from Richmond College, however, as he left to matriculate in the medical school from which he later graduated.

Throughout his life he maintained an interest in the fraternity he had

founded but the press of his large medical practice forbade that he should attend any of its Conclaves. It had been his hope to attend the Silver Jubilee Conclave in Richmond in 1926 but professional responsibilities demanded that at the time of the Conclave he remain in Spartanburg, and he sent a message of regret.

"He was one of the fine, likeable personalities of our fraternity," Grand Secretary William L. Phillips says of his associate in the founding of the fraternity. "We have been separated for over twenty years by many miles but the bonds of deep friendship have continued to exist undimmed by the years or the distance that lay between us. It has been a source of deep regret that our respective duties have not permitted me to enjoy more of his company than I have. To have known him is to have liked and admired him."

Upon receipt of word of the death of Dr. Wallace the fraternity entered a period of thirty days of mourning during which, under edict from the Central Office, the badges of all active members were worn over a bit of crepe.

That Fraternal Temperament

BY ARTHUR W. BASS, JR.
Pennsylvania Eta

IN the modern college fraternity there can be found almost universally a certain amount of friction among individuals and a certain resistance to the harmonious management of fraternal affairs in general. This friction is usually not discernable to an unbiased observer, and its intensity varies with circumstances. It is a problem that is negative to no particular society and is entirely human in all its aspects. As such, a

complete and foolproof solution, is unattainable. There are, however, several remedies that can be suggested that will materially aid in a reduction of it if their application is seriously undertaken.

Let us first consider the friction arising from the contact of various types and from the kaleidoscope of characters and personalities found on the modern American campus. When men of such widely different tempera-

ments are placed together, it is inevitable that a time will come when their reactions to certain circumstances will be diametrically opposed. Their ideas and impressions will often be in a state of collision. During these moments of collision, a thinly-veiled antagonism, transient though it often is, will spring up to mar the surface of their fraternal life. As to the seriousness of these clashes, it is not great, and will soon pass over, yet it leaves a faint mark, and creates just a little discontent.

To avoid this blending of characteristics, some fraternities in their pledging make an effort and make it a policy to secure men all from the same mold. Here their belief is that the similar temperaments will make for greater congeniality. In the first place their efforts are never more than partially successful, for due to the infinite complexities of human nature, two identically similar beings can not be drawn from the melting pot of the modern college. Even in these cases where the attempt has been made, the friction remains, and not always in a diminished form. Where the characters and personalities of two men are too closely synonymous, each will be readily able to read into the soul of the other, and will see mirrored there his own failings and weaknesses and a faint antagonism will grow out of just that similarity.

Disregarding this attempted selection of men for the nonce, we come to the real heart of the problem. Human nature. Man is by nature inclined to be egocentric and selfish, and it follows that any fancied imposition or attempted discipline becomes magnified in his eyes and gives birth to

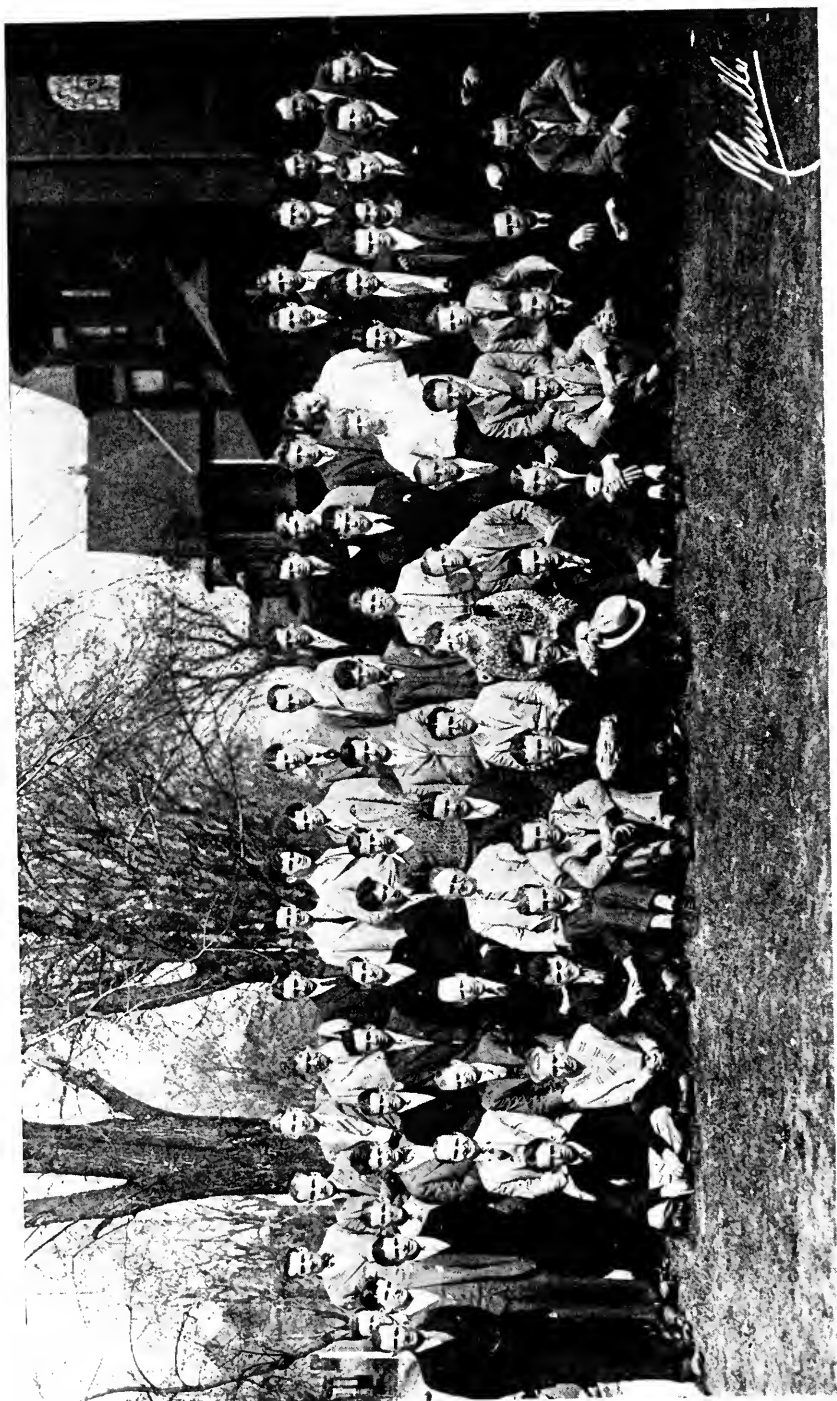
a feeling of resistance to authority. An individual will let the failings of others irritate him till he feels correction is vitally necessary. The criticism is given untactfully, received truculently, and a clash results. The remedy here is enclosed in the one word: tolerance. To err is only human, but to be tolerant of another's shortcomings is to add to the strength of one's own character, and to sow the seeds for a firmer and more lasting friendship. Tolerance, graciousness and sympathy are attainable by everyone, and their achievement will lead to less friction, greater harmony, and finer associations.

These few remarks may appear to have given no tangible remedy for the problem, but that is because the problem is human nature and human nature, being neither tangible nor concrete, can not be treated in a mechanical manner. Any successful solution for this must come from within and must be one of introspection on the part of the individual—a glance into his own soul at the forces that motivate his actions. When a fuller understanding of these are reached, he will better understand the frailties of others and there will result a more tolerant and sympathetic attitude on his part.

To select men originally with an eye to their ability to mingle harmoniously is beyond doubt of importance but of even more importance is the training of them later in a spirit of unity, or consideration and of tolerance. Should these principles be completely absorbed and conscientiously applied, the problems of fraternity life should be made considerably lighter.

Elinor: Is he very fast?

Elsie: Well, I'm not insinuating, but he carries a pocket calender instead of a watch.—*Arizona Kitty-Kat.*



Missouri Beta Installation Group

Installation of Missouri Beta

OUR second chapter in Missouri was chartered on April 6th when Psi Delta Fraternity at Washington University in St. Louis became Missouri Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The initiatory work in connection with this installation was conferred upon seventy-three candidates, the largest number ever to take the work at one time.

Because of the size of the initiatory class ritualistic work was begun on Tuesday, April 2nd, by members of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter and even prior to the arrival in the city of Grand Secretary William L. Phillips, installing Grand Officer. Work continued from day to day, leaving only a half dozen candidates for the last day.

Through the courtesy of the Statler Hotel and the influence of a brother in the Statler organization the initiatory work was done in the roof garden of the Statler amid attractive surroundings and with a facility that could not be had in a chapter house. The local preparations were all in charge of Charles W. McKenzie, New Hampshire Alpha, who, for the week, took up his residence in the Statler Hotel. Candidates were assembled in his room and when needed called to the roof garden.

Grand Secretary Phillips arrived on Thursday, April 4th, and from that time on the work proceeded under his direction. He was later joined by three other Grand Officers, Grand Historian Paul G. Koontz, Grand Guard Charles L. Yancey, and Grand Vice-President Clifford B. Scott. Grand Guard Yancey's appearance bordered on the spectacular due to the fact that he was unable to leave his office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, until Saturday noon, at which time he

boarded one of the planes of the Seaway Air Lines, in which he is financially interested, and three hours later was in St. Louis, aided by a strong tail wind that carried the ship ahead of its schedule. On the day following the installation, the four Grand Officers in attendance were in conference throughout the day on matters of interest to the Executive Committee of which they were a part.

The installation was completed Saturday afternoon at the chapter house at which time Grand Secretary Phillips delivered the lecture and Grand Vice-President Scott made the formal presentation of the charter. With all of the initiates present as well as numerous visitors from other chapters in the Seventh District and many members of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter the chapter house was a seething mass of humanity. During the afternoon a photograph was taken of the group present and Grand Secretary Phillips found occasion to put to use his Cine-Kodak with which he is collecting fraternity history for visual presentation in years to come.

The social affairs of the installation included a formal banquet and dance on Saturday night. Both functions were held in the Statler Hotel. At the banquet 108 members were in attendance, grouped about beautifully decorated tables set in the form of a U. Rodney M. Fairfield, Missouri Alpha, was toastmaster. Speakers on the toast list were Charles W. McKenzie, New Hampshire Alpha; Fred W. Perabo, president of Missouri Beta; Dr. George R. Troop, president of Washington University; Grand Historian Paul G. Koontz, and Grand Secretary William L. Phillips. Dr. Lewis F. Thomas, head of the local interfraternity council, Grand Guard

Charles L. Yancey and Grand Vice-President Clifford B. Scott, were introduced for brief remarks. During the banquet fraternity songs were sung and Robert H. Betts, Missouri Alpha, soloist of radio station KMOX in St. Louis, accompanied by Daniel M. Sheehan, Missouri Beta, sang a group of songs that were enthusiastically received.

The toastmaster was in a jovial frame of mind and sufficiently prod-

in his administrative problems and that it would be a force for good in student life. He expressed himself as appreciative of the work that fraternities were doing in behalf of better scholarship, and declared himself an earnest well-wisher of the fraternities upon his campus.

President Perabo, representing the newly-installed chapter, concluded his remarks with a presentation to Charles W. McKenzie of a handsome Schaeff-



University Hall—Facing the First Quadrangle.

ded the various speakers with his shafts of wit that an evening of smiles was provided the banqueteers. President Throop's address especially appealed to those present in its evidence of the attitude of an enlightened college administrator toward the fraternity as a benefit to the institution upon whose campus it operates. President Throop welcomed Sigma Phi Epsilon to Washington University with the feeling that he would have its aid

fer pen and pencil set as a token of the chapter's appreciation for the long-continued interest and work in its behalf. Tremendous applause greeted the presentation attesting the place the chapter's faculty advisor has found in the hearts of the group he has so interestingly befriended. Visibly touched by the tribute paid him, McKenzie could only murmur his thanks.

The banquet was in charge of a

committee composed of John C. Mitchell, Tory Berger and Arthur B. Shellenberg. A favor was placed at each plate consisting of a leather key-tainer bearing the crest of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The banquet closed at 9:00 p. m. and the dance started shortly afterward, lasting until 1:00 a. m. It was an attractive party with a legion of beautiful girls and an equal number of handsome men. Favors presented to the girls were crested silver compacts resembling miniature books.

PSI Delta was organized in 1919 by nine engineering students in Washington University. It was not recognized by the university until 1922 when it became a member of the Pan-Hellenic Association as the only local chapter represented. Early in 1925 the fraternity moved into a chapter house, the fourth fraternity at Washington to occupy a house although sixteen of the fraternities now have houses.

Psi Delta opened negotiations with Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1920 and was visited by representatives of the Grand Chapter but was advised that with its majority of members from St. Louis its petition could not be filed. At a later time Psi Delta filed a petition with Delta Tau Delta. Then Charles W. McKenzie, New Hampshire Alpha, came to the Washington faculty, became interested in Psi Delta.

The petition to Delta Tau Delta was withdrawn and eventually permission was granted to file a petition with our fraternity. This was favorably endorsed at the Seattle Conclave and early this year granted a charter by vote of the chapters in the Seventh District and the Executive Committee.

The history of Washington University dates back to 1853 when the Mis-

souri legislature granted a charter to an educational institution to be located in St. Louis to bear the name of Eliot Seminary in honor of a prominent St. Louis citizen. The charter was to be perpetual and no limitations were imposed except those which forbade any sectarian or partisan instruction. In 1854 the name of the institution was changed to Washington University.

The formal inauguration of the university took place on April 23, 1857. Later in the year, a building was erected for the chemical laboratory. In the next year the organization of the college was completed, and the first college degrees were granted in 1862.

The school of law was organized subsequently in 1867; the polytechnic school, now known as the schools of engineering and architecture, was organized in 1870; the school of fine arts in 1879; and the school of botany in 1885. The St. Louis Medical College was admitted as a department of the university in 1891, and the Missouri Dental College in 1892. In 1899, the Missouri Medical College was united with the St. Louis Medical College to form the Washington University school of medicine. The school of commerce was organized on March 30, 1917, and was formally opened in September, 1917.

Smith Academy, a preparatory school for boys, was operated by the university until it was discontinued in 1917. Mary Institute, a preparatory school for girls, is still controlled by the corporation.

In 1894, a tract of land, of which the university now owns about 155 acres, was purchased just outside the city limits adjacent to the northwest corner of Forest Park. This is the present campus.

On September 1, 1914, the school of medicine moved from its old loca-

tion on the corner of Eighteenth and Locust streets to the new building facing Forest Park. The Barnes Hospital group—including the hospital proper, the St. Louis Children's Hospital, and the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children—comprises the school of medicine. These hospitals have entered into an affiliation with the school of medicine, the latter providing the medical staff and laboratories, the former permitting the school of

direction of student research. Following a successful campaign to raise a \$500,000 fund for building a new maternity hospital, the Rockefeller General Educational Board gave \$500,000 for research work.

The last department of the university, the Robert Somers Brookings graduate school of economics and government, was opened in September, 1923, and is unique in that there is no other such school in the country.



Ridgley Library—Arcade Facing the First Quadrangle.

medicine to use their wards for teaching and investigation. In the spring of 1924, the school of medicine received a gift of \$400,000 from the General Education Board of New York, founded by John D. Rockefeller for the establishment of a department of health. This department was to be known as the department of bacteriology and preventive medicine. A corps of scientists devote their entire time to teaching, investigation and the

It is open to graduate students who, after two years of graduate work in St. Louis, complete the course with two years of study in Washington, D. C.

The assets of Washington University aggregate \$8,000,000 and include a spacious campus and twenty-eight buildings. It is privately endowed with a fund in excess of \$15,000,000 and privately controlled. It is co-educational and non-sectarian.

Missouri Beta meets on the Washington campus fifteen other national fraternities. These with the date of their installation at Washington are: Phi Delta Theta, 1891; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1892; Beta Theta Pi, 1901; Sigma Chi, 1902; Kappa Sigma, 1902; Sigma Nu, 1903; Theta Xi, 1905; Kappa Alpha (South), 1905; Alpha Tau Omega, 1918; Sigma Alpha Mu, 1919; Pi Kappa Alpha; Tau Kappa Epsilon, 1920; Phi Beta Delta, 1922;

Zeta Beta Tau, 1923; Alpha Epsilon Pi, 1929. There remain four local fraternities on the campus.

The following sororities were installed at Washington on the dates given: Kappa Alpha Theta, 1906; Pi Beta Phi, 1907; Delta Gamma, 1914; Gamma Phi Beta, 1917; Alpha Chi Omega, 1920; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1921; Phi Mu, 1923; Alpha Epsilon Phi, 1923; Delta Delta Delta, 1926. There is also one local sorority.

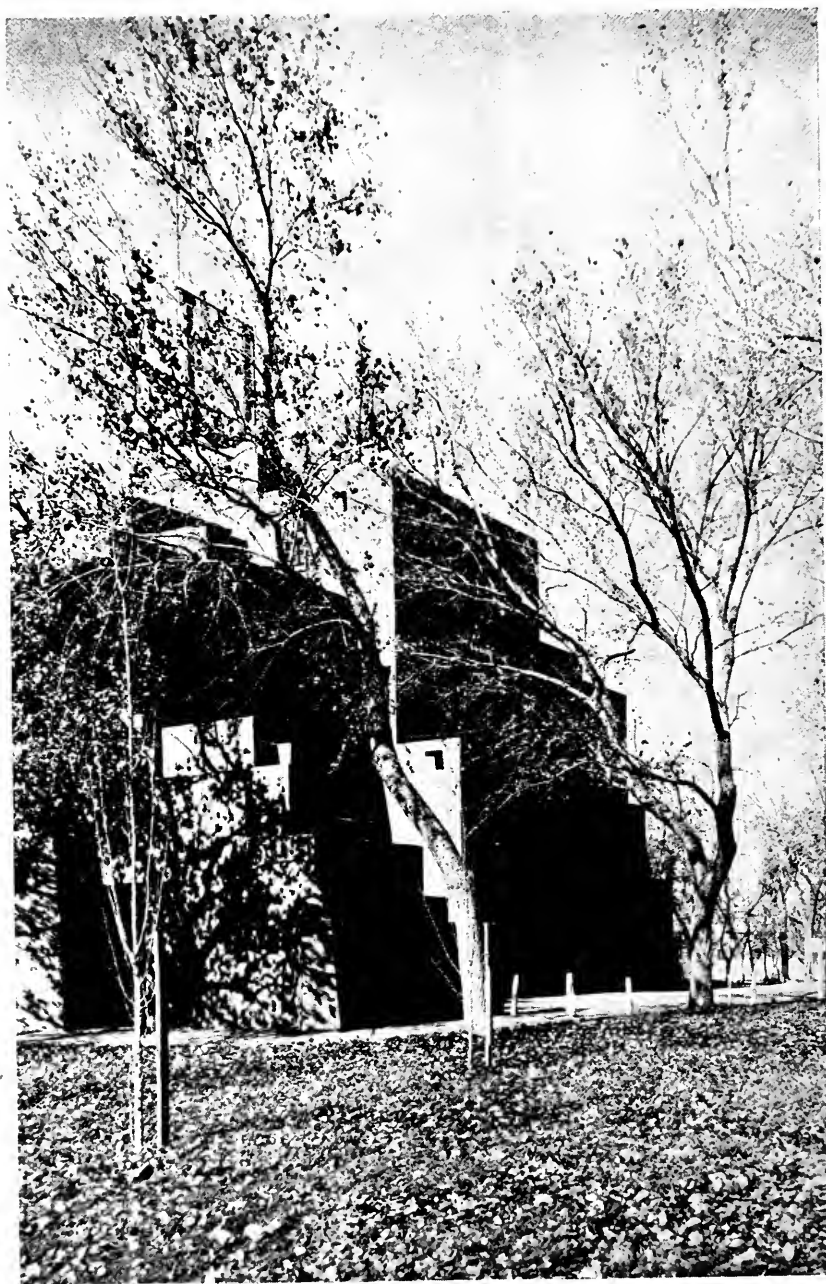
The men initiated at the installation of the chapter are the following:

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 Arhelger, Robert Edward
 Arnold, Sanford E.
 Bechstein, Milton Earl
 Beckers, Carl Louis Alexander
 Berger, Robert Birdsey
 Berger, John Torrey
 Betts, Robert Henry
 Blackburn, Hershel
 Bockhorst, Roland Walter
 Boepple, Graf Augustin
 Boggiano, Stephen A.
 Brandborg, Lennart
 Brethauer, Homer August
 Burton, John Deisher
 Bussen, Richard William
 Coleman, Roy Edgar
 Conrad, Charles Wismoth
 Conrad, Eugene Louis
 Conreaux, Jack Cornell
 Conreaux, Lyndel O.
 Cullen, Charles Edward
 Dunlap, Homer E.
 Engel, George Frederick
 Ernst, Walter Albert
 Eyerman, Edward Louis
 Ficht, Walter Adolph
 Funk, Rufus Raymond
 Gilpin, Carrol Comer
 Gough, Robert Keech
 Green, William Harris
 Haase, William A.
 Hammerstein, Chester William
 Hemker, Forrest M.
 Herman, Theodore H., Jr.
 Hess, George Justus
 Hoffstetter, Armand Adolph

Humphrey, Joe Harrison
 Hyndman, James Alvin
 Judell, Fred Allen
 Judge, Charles Rogers
 Klosterman, Roy Julius
 Kunkel, Paul
 Lange, Raymond Edward
 Lindsay, Joseph Lloyd
 Lohman, Eugene William
 Lottman, Victor Gerhardt
 Lund, Eugene Herluf
 Lundblad, Clarence James
 Maher, Thomas Francis
 Martin, Paul Allyn
 Miller, Herman Charles
 Monson, Louis Travis
 Murray, Donald Darlington
 Murtfeldt, Lawrence William
 Perabo, Fred William
 Phillips, John Samuel
 Ponier, Frank, Jr.
 Presson, William
 Schellenberg, Arthur Burckly
 Scott, Alfred Clark
 Senn, Emmett Jacob
 Sheehan, Daniel Michael
 Thomas, Jack Elder
 Thym, Adolph Gusave
 Thym, Louis
 Van Aller, Herman
 Wade, William Leslie
 Wakefield, Theo Godfrey
 Wiedman, Arthur George
 Winter, Robert
 Wright, Joseph Harold
 Yeckel, Calvin

Fred: I know so many girls, that I have a hard time keeping them straight.

Tom: Well, who wants to?—Virginia Reel.



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The Heart of The Mesa

BY JOHN C. RUSSELL
New Mexico Alpha

THE Heart of Sigma Phi Epsilon has come to the far Southwest. It now reposes at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque in the heart of the desert. To the east, the broad and open mesa rises gently until at the end of some ten miles it reaches the base of the lofty peaks of the Sandia Mountains, while to the west flows that shallow, languid and historic river, the Rio Grande, on whose western bank rests giant lava beds pierced by the crests of five extinct volcanoes over whose craters the sun in daily splendor falls beyond the horizon.

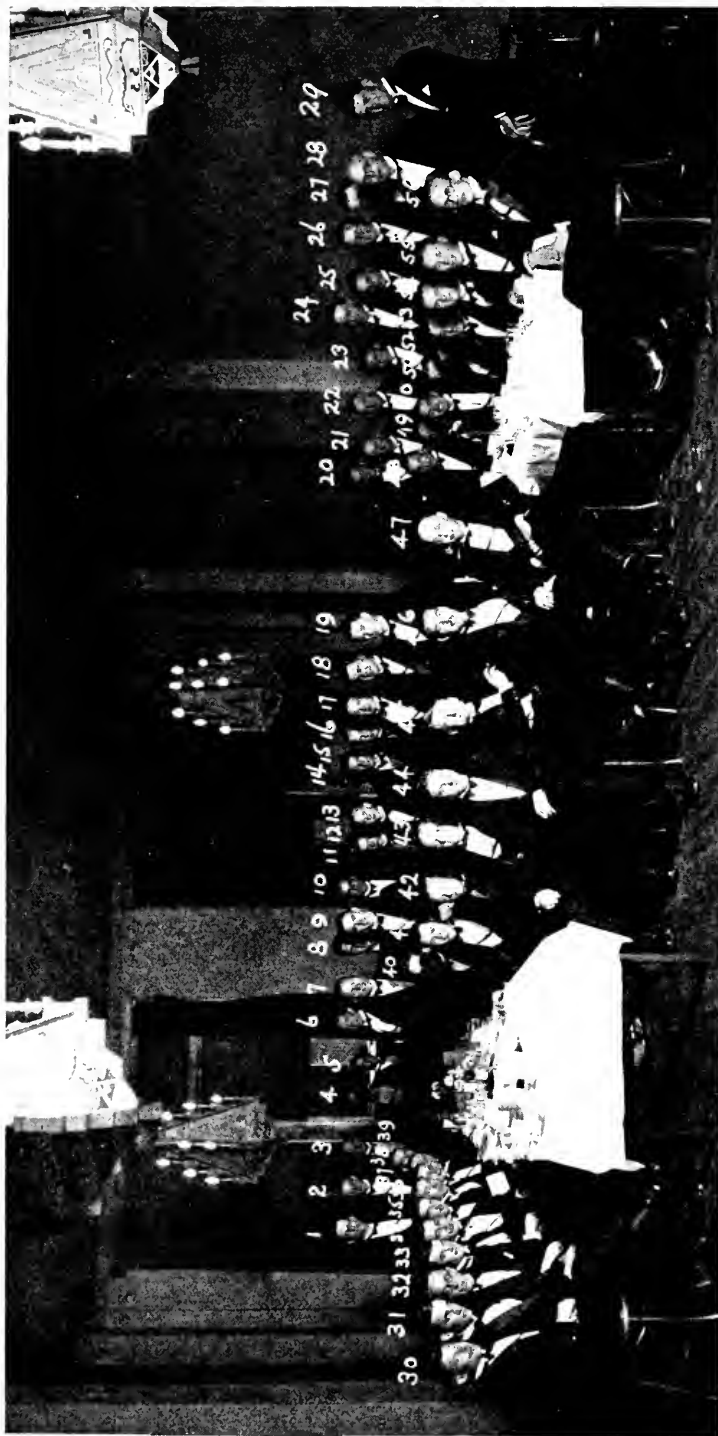
When Grand Secretary William L. Phillips stepped from the train at Albuquerque at 11:45 a. m., April 11, there was a broad and jovial smile upon his face, which we presume there always is, and which remained throughout his stay in Albuquerque. His coming brought much joy to the members of the Coronado Club who had successfully petitioned for a charter of Sigma Phi Epsilon and who were eagerly awaiting the date of installation. Those who have been initiated directly into Sigma Phi Epsilon, without first belonging to a local petitioning fraternity, cannot wholly realize the pleasure of such an occasion.

After the usual courtesies of the meeting, Brother Phillips was taken to the Franciscan Hotel, which gives food and lodging just like any other hotel but is probably the most unique hostelry in the country, designed, as it is, throughout in the Indian mode. After lunch, promptly commenced the induction of thirty-six men into Sigma Phi Epsilon, which was not completed until the next day.

In installing the New Mexico Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the fourth national fraternity has come to the University of New Mexico, there being already present Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, and Kappa Sigma. With an almost one hundred per cent increase in the student body in the last two years and a large prospective increase for the coming year, the University of New Mexico offers a particularly attractive place for rapid growth of the new chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

On the first evening of the initiation a smoker was held at the house of the rapidly vanishing Coronado Club. Smokers are rather common occurrences in fraternities and yet for a short time it appeared that this smoker would probably be the most unusual one ever having been held, due to the fact that it commenced as a smoker without smokes. You will obviously realize that something is bound to be overlooked where so many details must be met. The situation, however, was soon remedied and everybody puffed merrily on.

By late the following afternoon, the initiations were completed except as to Barney Burns, Jr., whose Ford had lost a horseshoe on his way over from Mountainair and who had to wait until the next morning while the blacksmith repaired the damage. At the completion of the initiation, the newly initiated members gathered with Brother Phillips and the brothers from over the state to celebrate the occasion with food and song. Nothing else! Nothing else was needed. Some sixty brothers were present, and, if the camera survived the ordeal, there will undoubtedly be a picture



NEW MEXICO ALPHA AND ITS GUESTS AT THE INSTALLATION BANQUET

Unless indicated, all are members or pledges of New Mexico Alpha: 1, M. R. Brown; 2, Stanley Stubbs; 3, Gordon Lewis, Phi Sigma Kappa; 4, Bill Bennington, Kansas Beta; 5, Norbert Zimmer; 6, Richard Spahr; 7, Dwight McGuire; 8, John Mara; 9, Vance Echols; 10, George Sall; 11, R. H. Smith, Pennsylvania Eta; 12, Rufus Carter; 13, Harold Goff; 14, Ronald Doll; 15, John Roberson; 16, Harry Worthman; 17, William Rose; 18, Archie McDowell; 19, James McCraw; 20, Lindsay Root; 21, W. T. Hanning, Colorado Alpha; 22, W. P. Hartman, Colorado Alpha; 23, John Key; 24, James Woodworth; 25, Kenneth Bricker; 26, Arthur Byers; 27, L. S. Timmerman; 28, J. D. Clark, Kansas Sigma Delta; 29, Bryson Cornett, Alpha; 30, C. C. Smith; 31, George Hook; 32, Marvin Ba; 33, Clayton Cowan, Colorado Beta; 34, Edward Hurley, Colorado Beta; 35, Louis Mullenist, Colorado Beta; 36, Lowell Huntington, Colorado Beta; 37, Joe Hanna, Colorado Beta; 38, Melvin Phillips, Colorado Beta; 39, Leo Coyner, Colorado Beta; 40, John Russell; 41, James Bezzek; 42, Frederick Colfax Howard; 43, Wm. L. Phillips, Grand Secretary; 44, Eugene Dietzman, Colorado Beta; 45, George Taylor, Virginia Eta; 46, B. B. Smith; 47, A. Dierendorf; 48, H. McDowell; 49, H. Wells; 50, James Nave; 51, H. O. John; 52, Joe Kirkpatrick; 53, Tony Vigil; 54, Wm. A. Wilson; 55, Thurman Yates; 56, James Sadler.

of the gathering accompanying this article. One of the speakers, probably truthfully and at least wittily, remarked that this would undoubtedly be the largest collection of Sigma Phi Epsilon pins worn by their owners in the history of the new chapter. Rather fortunately, on the same evening, the university was holding its annual beauty ball and, as every man believes himself to be a judge of good beauty, the natural thing happened. Thus, the banquet, upon its adjournment, found itself again assembled at the beauty ball. The visiting brothers were properly fitted out and seemed rather well satisfied with the share of beauty which was thrust (?) upon them. All was rather peaceful on the Rio Grande until Burton Smith, one of the beau brummels and one of the new initiates of Sigma Phi Epsilon was selected by popular acclaim as king of the occasion and presented a lily as his scepter of power. He was informed that his reign would be short and would be limited to one command. Seated upon his throne, between the two beauty queens, he weakened at the last minute and commanded, "On with the dance."

Coming back to the seriousness of the occasion again, Grand Secretary Phillips, on the following morning, formally presented the New Mexico Alpha chapter with its charter and delivered a very wise and highly appreciated lecture. The afternoon followed with a delightful reception given by the mothers and wives for the members of the new chapter in honor of the guests and in commemoration of the occasion. From the time the doors were officially opened until closed, the visitors poured through in a steady stream which, if nothing else, was indicative of the interest of the university and the public in the new fraternity: "on the hill."

As a final conclusion and climax of the three-day initiation came the

installation ball. Everyone was, of course, in good spirits and seemed loath to call it a night when the music finally ceased.

The New Mexico Alpha chapter is indeed indebted to the following brothers, many of whom traveled considerable distances to be with us at the installation and to share with us the pleasures and privileges which become ours: Residing in the state and assisting with the installation were Bob Conlee, Iowa Beta; Paul Bass, Nebraska Alpha; Will Hartman, Colorado Alpha; R. Hanning, Colorado Alpha; H. H. Crowe, Indiana Alpha; George Taylor and Dan K. Sadler, Virginia Eta. Visiting brothers were Ed. Hurley, Leo Coyner, Melvin Phillips, Lowell Huntington, Jack Foster, Eugene Dietmann, Lewis Middlemist, Clayton Cowan and Jow Hanna from Colorado Beta, Bill Bennington from Kansas Beta, and R. H. Smith from Pennsylvania Eta.

We are also indebted to the many chapters throughout the country who, on account of distance, could not be with us in person, yet, mindful of the occasion, extended us their messages of congratulation by telegraph.

You will hear more of the New Mexico Alpha chapter. It has been installed in a thoughtful spirit of optimism, and those of us who are here, intend to make it a strong chapter to the benefit of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The sun always shines in Albuquerque; the latchstring is always out at New Mexico Alpha.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

THE University of New Mexico is located at Albuquerque, the largest city in New Mexico. The university is situated on the heights to the east of the city, offering a fine view of the picturesque surrounding country. To the east of it the broad and open mesa gradually

risers until it reaches the base of the lofty peaks of the pine and fir covered Sandia Mountains, while in the valley to the west flows that shallow, languid and romantic river of the Southwest, the Rio Grande. Across the Rio Grande lie the giant lava beds upheaved in the dim past and now marked by the peaks of five extinct volcanoes.

The university was created by act of the New Mexico territorial legislature in 1889 and its doors opened for students in 1892. Starting with one building, a few teachers, a few students and with little funds, the institution has progressed in a sound and substantial manner until today it is one of the outstanding educational institutions of the Southwest.

It is one of the beauty spots of the city of Albuquerque. In the midst of the surrounding desert, the green grass and tall trees of the campus present a picture of marked contrasts and one of unusual attractiveness in the heat of a summer day. Upon entering the campus one finds the buildings are of the distinctive adapted Pueblo type. Those now in use include the administration building, separate gymnasiums for men and women, Hadley Hall, Korber Radio Building, Library, Science Hall, Power House, Sara Reynolds Hall, residential halls—two for women and one for men, Rodey Hall, the Commons, Biology Building and Lecture Hall.

The university is maintained by funds appropriated by the legislature by income derived from 300,000 acres of public domain assigned to the

school, income from an endowment fund of \$500,000, and oil royalties. The university also owns eight hundred acres of land, situated partly within the city. Some of this is being platted and will be given to fraternities and sororities desiring to build houses close to the campus.

The university offers courses in the following: arts and sciences, business administration, chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, general engineering, geological engineering, education, home economics, pre-law, and pre-medical. The bachelors degrees are conferred as well as graduate degrees, the graduate school constantly growing. The faculty is strong and over half of them hold doctors' degrees, ill health having compelled many of them to seek relief in the Southwest and upon restoration to health they have joined the New Mexico faculty after holding important positions in Eastern institutions.

The institution is growing very rapidly, increasing over sixty per cent in 1927 and somewhat less last year. Its present enrollment is something in excess of 1,000.

The following national fraternities are found at New Mexico, installed in the years mentioned: Pi Kappa Alpha, 1915; Sigma Chi, 1916; Kappa Sigma, 1925. The sororities, with the dates of their establishment on the New Mexico campus are: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1918; Alpha Chi Omega, 1918; Alpha Delta Pi, 1920; Chi Omega, 1925; Beta Sigma Omicron, 1926.

"The fraternities as national organizations and the colleges are both working to the same end—the production and development of strong, well-rounded citizens."—Dean Edward F. Nicholson, University of Minnesota.

Louisiana Alpha Chartered at Tulane University in New Orleans

SIGMA Phi Epsilon's sixtieth chapter was added with whoopee and wassail during the period April 18, 19 and 20, when Sigma Epsilon, local at Tulane University in New Orleans, was formally installed as Louisiana Alpha.

With Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips as ranking officer, and with Sig Ep alumni and visiting members from nearby chapters present, the installation proceeded without mishap and marked the further expansion of the fraternity in the better schools of the South.

Twenty-eight members were added to the rolls of the national organization through the Louisiana Alpha installation. This was a slightly smaller number than was at first announced, but local conditions and events took their toll at the eleventh hour, and the ceremonies proceeded with the assurance being given that at least ten more eligible members and alumni of Sigma Epsilon would shortly be privileged to wear the heart-shaped badge.

Alfred W. Porter, Georgia Alpha, president of the New Orleans organization of Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni, expressed complete satisfaction with the entire installation period, as did Grand Secretary Phillips.

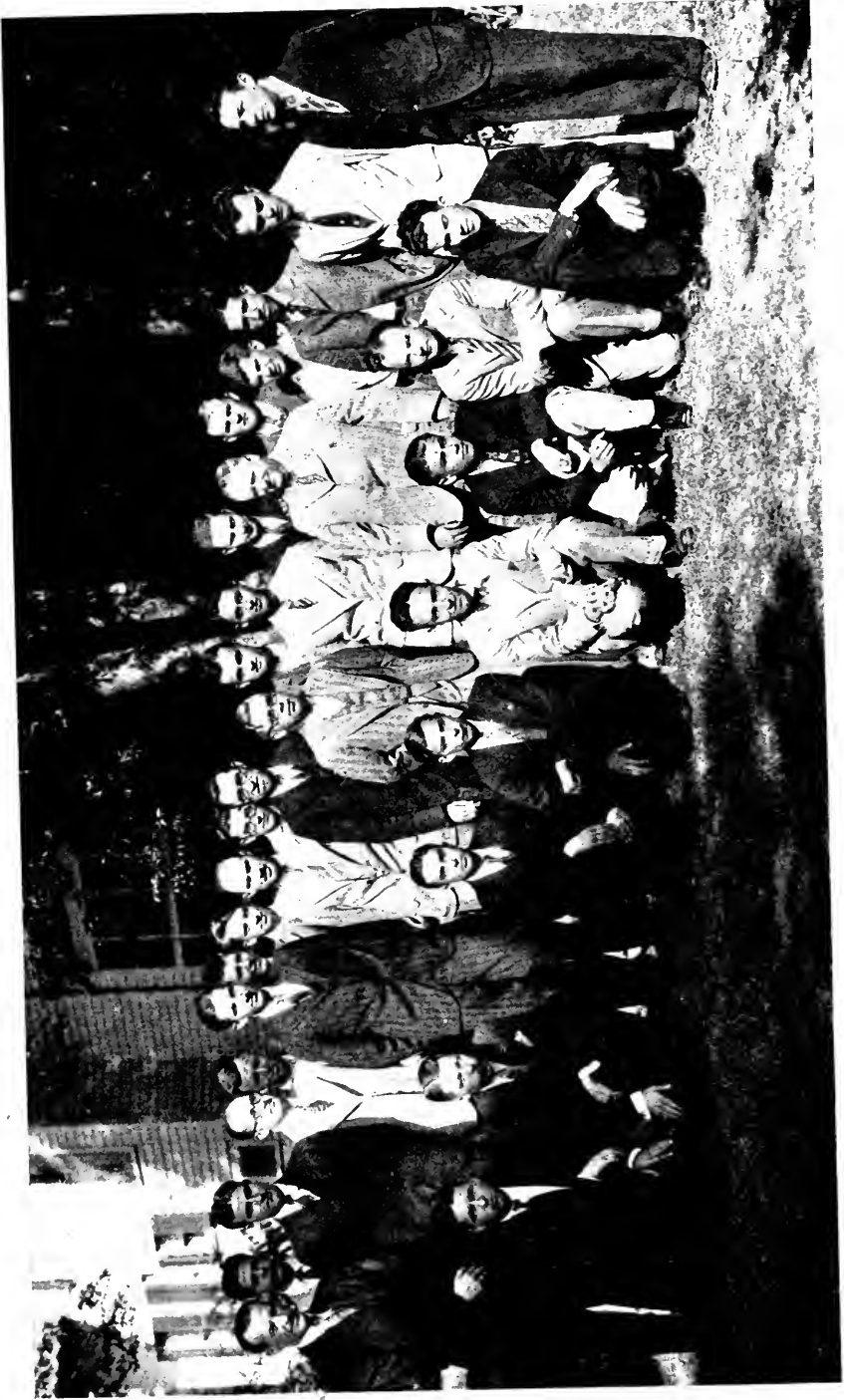
The official installation team believed to be on its way failed to materialize, and the ceremonies were performed by the Grand Secretary and assisting alumni from other chapters. Twenty members of Sigma Epsilon were initiated Thursday, April 18, and eight the next day. The actual installation of Louisiana Alpha chapter was concluded Friday, April 19.

The formal installation ceremonies were launched Thursday morning, when initiations were begun. All

members of Sigma Phi Epsilon in New Orleans, visiting members, and Sigma Epsilon members and alumni were present at a smoker at the fraternity house Thursday night. Initiations which continued Friday were relieved by a spectacular dinner-dance at a leading New Orleans hotel Friday night. Faculty members, members of the fraternity from other chapters, and those newly initiated were present, as well as several Sigma Epsilon alumni who were not to be initiated at this time, and two representatives of each Tulane academic fraternity, together with guests and unofficial representatives of sororities at Newcomb College for Women of Tulane University.

A feature of Saturday's ceremonies was an open house and *the dansant* at the chapter house that afternoon, to which all wearers of Greek-letter pins and pledge pins on the campus were invited, as well as visiting Sig Eps and alumni. Saturday night members of the newly-installed Louisiana Alpha and visiting members of Sigma Phi Epsilon were guests at Tulane's Pan-Hellenic interfraternity council dance.

New names added to the roster of the national are: Alumni—Prescott H. F. Follett, Milton Monlezun, Archie Leonard Robinett, James Lee Fulmer, Jules Caesar Alciatoire, William Dean Pierce, John Francis McCloskey, George Tabor Walne, Jr., William Henry Fagerstrom, Clement Harmon Watson, John Detzel Haverkamp, Edmond A. Salassi, and John M. Middleton. Active Chapter—Drew Adolph Savant, James Johnson Morrison, Bruno Stolley, Albert James Meyers, Paul Cameron Foster, Luther Sexton Fortenberry, Ralph



Louisiana Alpha Installation Group

Howard Lindsey, Clark Ober Miller, Reginald Odell Hendry, Roy Clifford Hodges, Denvrick Charles LeBreton, Stanley Edwin Severance, George Leonard Pritchard, Jr., and Seals Samuel Speer.

Several alumni initiated came from some distance for the ceremonies, Jules Alciatoire, son of one of the country's most famed restaurateurs, coming from as far away as Champaign, Ill., where he is an instructor in French at Illinois.

At least two of the remaining Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni will be initiated through other chapters far from New Orleans—one in California and one in Pennsylvania, it is believed.

The petition which brought favorable action recommending admittance of a chapter at Tulane was submitted to national headquarters last year.

Bruno Stolley is president of the active chapter, and is one of the outstanding men on the Tulane campus. He was last week elected president of the student body of the college of engineering, and in this capacity will serve on the student council, an eight-man body governing student affairs. Political indications are that Louisiana Alpha will have at least one other man on this supreme body this year.

Louisiana Alpha occupies an enviable position on the Tulane University campus, having become unusually powerful for a local. Although in existence only a very few years, this group has included as members many prominent students, including student body presidents, class presidents, a varsity cheer-leader, Phi Beta Kappas, members of national honorary fraternities in commerce, law, engineering, and the like; class cheer-leaders, team managers, track, football and baseball stars; glee club and band members in profusion; members active on student publications, including an editor of the Tulane Hullabaloo, weekly news-

paper; student instructors; and others interested in campus dramatics.

The chapter house, at 7325 Hampson street, is quite as imposing as any other fraternity house at Tulane, although fraternities do not go in for mansions at this school.

With the magic of the name Sigma Phi Epsilon, the Tulane chapter should easily forge ahead to a foremost place on the university campus, having to compete with nineteen other academic fraternities for this place.

Fraternities were first established at Tulane in 1858 when Phi Kappa Sigma entered. It died in 1861 because of war conditions. Pi Kappa Alpha then entered in 1878 but died in the early eighties. The present fraternity system started in 1882 with the entry of Kappa Alpha (S) followed in succession by Sigma Chi in 1886, Alpha Tau Omega in 1887, Sigma Nu in 1888 and Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Sigma in 1889—six national fraternities in seven years. Before the turn of the century Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon had installed chapters, while the two defunct chapters of Phi Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Alpha had been revived. Since 1900 eight other fraternities have entered: Beta Theta Pi in 1908, Zeta Beta Tau in 1909, Delta Sigma Phi in 1916, Sigma Pi in 1919, Pi Kappa Phi in 1923, Sigma Alpha Mu in 1920, Kappa Nu in 1922, and Sigma Iota in 1924.

At Newcomb College, the division of Tulane for women students, there are ten sororities: Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Beta Phi Alpha, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Tulane is one of the oldest educational institutions in the South, having been established in 1834 under the name of the Medical College of Louis-

iana, located at New Orleans. In 1845 by act of the state legislature it was reorganized under the name of University of Louisiana with four departments—medicine, law, natural sciences, and letters. It began its functions under this act in 1847 and between that time and the Civil War it made decided progress under stimulus of appropriations from the state aggregating more than \$100,000—quite a sum in those days.

During the Civil War the federal occupation of New Orleans in 1862 paralyzed all fields of social, economic and educational activity, and the academic department was discontinued, not to be revived until the reconstruction period. The law and medical departments continued but the academic department was not re-established until 1876, after the overthrow of the "carpetbag" government,

when it received a yearly grant of \$10,000 until Paul Tulane's grant in 1884 of New Orleans real estate.

Paul Tulane was a native of New Jersey who had amassed a fortune after many years residence in New Orleans. He established the "Tulane Educational Fund" by a first gift of real estate valued at \$363,000 which was placed in the hands of seventeen leading New Orleans citizens as trustees, prominent among whom were General Randell Lee Gibson, United States Senator from Louisiana, and the late Chief Justice Edward D. White, of the United States Supreme Court. Later, by act of the Louisiana legislature, full control of the University of Louisiana was given the trustees, now incorporated, and the institution was re-named Tulane University, in memory of its benefactor, and in the course of the next few years com-



“Louisiana Alpha Banquet

pletely reorganized. Mr. Tulane made various other donations of real estate, valued at the time of his death at \$1,050,000, but which are today worth much more than that.

The gift of \$100,000 by Mrs. Josephine Louise Newcomb, wealthy New Orleans woman, originally created the Harriet Sophie Newcomb Memorial College for Women which subsequently became a division of Tulane University. Mrs. Newcomb's later gifts increased this fund and at her death made the college her residuary legatee with a bequest that, in the aggregate, amounted to \$2,700,000.

In 1893 the university was established in new quarters on a tract of 137 acres in the heart of the best resi-

dential district of New Orleans and new departments were added from time to time, including the college of engineering, graduate school of medicine, college of dentistry, school of pharmacy, school of social work and college of commerce. Many other gifts have added to the endowment of the institution and to the building of several fine, well-equipped buildings. A campaign in 1920 resulted in the financial equipment to prosecute a contemplated building program of \$7,000,000, now in process of execution. The future of Tulane is secure and it seems certain that it will continue to be known as it has in the past as one of the leading educational institutions of the South.

Keeping It Within The Family

THIS is a story—and a true one—illustrating how a group of Pennsylvania Delta Sig Eps found that they could work together with pleasure and profit—and keep the latter entirely within fraternity circles.

The story starts with Frank H. Mancill, Pennsylvania Delta, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania law school in 1914 and took up the practice of law in the Quaker city. It can be proved that he prospered, for about four years ago he purchased a very valuable tract of real estate in lower Merion Township, acknowledged to be one of the richest townships in America. It was then a truck farm but he felt confident that within a short time Philadelphia expansion would make it available for building. That time came and he decided to develop the tract himself along planned lines, embodying a group of fine residences of varied architecture. This required the services of a capable architect and Man-

cill's choice was J. Bedford Wooley, Pennsylvania Delta, '15.

As the development grew it seemed desirable to have a specialized sales service in connection with the work, both in the sale of the houses built for speculation and houses built on contract for people who were interested. Therefore Thomas I. Rankin, Pennsylvania Delta, '14, stepped into the picture with his "Complete Realty Service Organization," and business immediately picked up.

Then as the work grew more extensive another architect shared in that phase of the work and the newcomer to the enterprise was Richard W. Mecaskey, Pennsylvania Delta, '16. And then we find Raymond L. J. Riling, Pennsylvania Delta, '18, purchasing one of the first houses built, and Martin Long, Pennsylvania Delta, '26, with the Philadelphia Public Ledger publishing a picture of it in that newspaper. So it is a closed affair—and they are keeping it all within the family.

How Yuh Gonna Make 'Em Study?

BY CLARENCE H. FREEARK
Former Traveling Secretary

THE answer to the above question is a bit more difficult than the answer to that famous query of a decade ago, "How Yuh Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?" The popular answer to the latter was "Start Another War" and that is a trifling matter. In fact, one of our comic artists is earning a good livelihood by graphically depicting "Little Things That Start Big Wars." But the problem that confronts us as fraternity members and college men is: now that we have them off of the farm, how are we going to make them study?

The answer is that you will never make them study by setting up rules and regulations and by extolling the virtues of membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and other honorary societies. When a salesman goes out to sell a product he must create an interest in his product and create a desire on the part of his prospect to have that merchandise. He enumerates with enthusiasm the benefits and advantages of owning his product, the uses to which it can be put, the pleasure and comfort it will bring to the owner, and he skillfully mentions that so-and-so has used that article for some time with profit and pleasure. All the time he is watching the face and expression of his prospect. He throws out questions to determine how he is progressing with his sales talk. At the first gleam of interest on the part of his prospect, he seizes upon the particular feature that aroused the interest and stresses it with conviction and enthusiasm.

Is there any fundamental difference between selling Oshkosh B'Gosh overalls to a merchant who has heard of

them but who has never handled them and selling a course in Psychology to a student who has heard of the subject but who has never known anything about it? True, one is a tangible piece of merchandise and the other is an idea, but when you sell insurance you are selling an idea. To my mind, it is a pure case of salesmanship, this scholarship business, and the same fundamental principles should be applied to the age-old human nature that are invoked in commercial selling. Often by high pressure methods a salesman can dispose of an article, but it doesn't stay sold and there is never a repeat sale. Good will is not created, but a sullen resentment is often fostered.

Faculty and interfraternity regulations prohibiting initiation into a fraternity unless certain scholastic standards are met, or compelling a pledge to move out of the fraternity house, smack of high pressure salesmanship. Statisticians will immediately rush forward and prove that such regulations have improved the scholastic standing of fraternities generally, but the cause of the infection is still in the wound. Medicine will never work a cure until the cause is removed. This constant "harping" on high scholarship and this "nagging" about Phi Beta Kappa and other scholastic honors is defeating its own purpose.

If the truth be known, a relatively small percentage of students even aspire to such honorary organizations. Those that do have such aspirations need no prodding. It is their nature and inherent desire. More power to them. But the great bulk of the good students in college are more interested in getting something worthwhile out

of their subjects than they are in being initiated into an honorary scholastic fraternity. Our problem is to stimulate the desire in those students who are not naturally studious to get something of value from their subjects.

This scholastic business is primarily the faculty's problem. But we are faced with a condition and not a theory. We have this large body of undergraduates who have come to college because it seems to be the thing to do regardless of whether any particular benefit will result. Up to the present time the faculty has apparently not been able to cope with the situation satisfactorily. In view of the organization of Greek letter fraternities they are in a position to lend inestimable aid in improving this situation so far as their own members are concerned.

In the commercial world most of our successful men tell us that if we will manufacture a worthwhile article or perform a valuable service and do these things better than anyone else, the monetary reward is sure to follow. They stress the product and the service first. The pecuniary return is a natural consequence. In the scholastic world, if the student is interested in his subject and really learns something of value from them, will not good grades be the natural consequence? Have we not been putting the horse in the back seat of the transportation device in our approach to this problem in the past? Instead of talking in terms of grades, high scholarship and Phi Beta Kappa, would we not accomplish more lasting and desirable results by "selling" the students on the value of their particular courses and the uses and benefits to be derived from them? Instead of stressing the necessity of average marks to get initiated into a fraternity or living in a fraternity house, would it not be better to show the student how much better equipped he will be

when he leaves college if he will learn his daily lessons well? It is not enough to deal in abstractions. Concrete cases will put the point over more quickly and it will stick.

Let me illustrate from one of the more presentable pages out of my own career as a collegian. Mathematics have always been difficult for me. By that I mean algebra and trigonometry. I had taken and passed algebra in high school, in the Y. M. C. A. institute in Washington, D. C., and in George Washington University. In every case I had promptly forgotten most of what I had learned. When I entered college as a full day time student I again encountered my old friend algebra. I had enlisted in the commerce college and could never quite see the connection between my general course and algebra or trigonometry. I was told by my instructors that algebra was a mind developer and trained me to think. A rather abstract and uninspiring reason. The same could be said of ball room dancing. I was given a grade of "B" in both subjects. Consequently I still believe in Santa Claus. I have subsequently been informed by a young engineer that algebra embodies the fundamental principles of all computation and calculation. That would have stirred my interest far more than the statement that algebra would train me to think.

From force of habit I promptly forgot most of both subjects. When I launched upon my third year's work, I was delighted to learn that one subject was mathematics of investment. It sounded quite executive and big businesslike. But behold and lo! too late did I discover that a knowledge of algebra was essential to the proper handling of the subject. Consequently I had to endeavor to re-learn my algebra along with the principles of annuities, present values and what have you. Needless to say that I

learned the principles of investment mathematics, but I still work the problems in arithmetic.

Now my freshman algebra instructor knew that I was a commerce student specializing in accounting. He should have known that mathematics of investment was on my schedule for the junior year. If he had given me any inkling of the fact that I would use my algebra in that subject I am sure algebra would have taken on an entirely new interest for me.

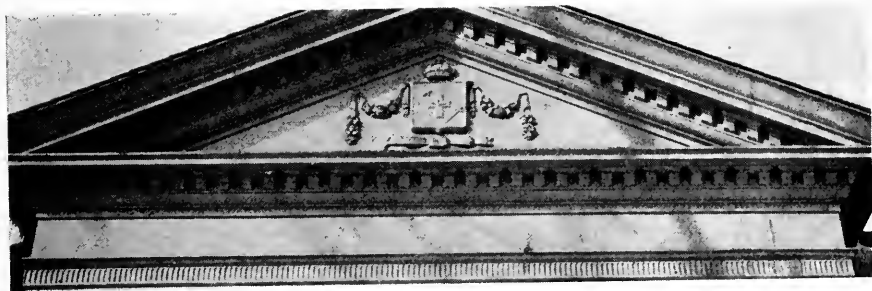
IN the February, 1929, issue of the American Magazine, Mr. M. K. Wisheart reports an interview that he had with Frederick B. Robinson, president of College of the City of New York. The interview was prompted by Mr. Wisheart's discovery that Mr. Robinson was an amateur etcher of no mean ability and that he had learned to play the cello in a very acceptable manner in six months. His accomplishments as a cellist were really the results of a challenge by some friends that he could not learn to play compositions of more than average difficulty within six months. Mr. Robinson outlined four principles in explaining his achievements.

"The first principle is interest. I made progress in becoming an amateur etcher and cellist because I was naturally interested. But if I had not been keenly interested naturally, I feel certain that I could have found ways and means of stimulating the interest necessary to make my efforts effective."

This is your cue, Mr. Chairman of the scholarship committee. If you find members of your chapter who are not keenly interested in any or all of their subjects, you must devise ways and means of stimulating their interest in those subjects. Go to the

head of each course that you are not familiar with. Ask him to tell you in simple "United States" why any normal, sane person should take the time and energy to study his special subject. What use can be made of it? What contribution has it made to human progress? In other words, have the professor sell that subject to you and keep you sold. You in turn must sell it to the delinquent student whose interest needs stimulation. I am sure the results will be more gratifying than if you told the delinquent member he should get an "A" in that course and make an honorary society.

Now for fear someone might rush in and shout "Sour grapes" to me on this scholarship matter, let me break down and confess that my own record will bear any degree of scrutiny that you care to subject it to. I had spent five years in the business world and eighteen months helping the youth of America make the world safe for the democrats before entering college. I completed the four-year course in three years and one summer session and the bulk of my grades were "B" or better. I did not make Beta Gamma Sigma which is the Phi Beta Kappa of the commerce college. I missed it about as much as the fraternity men's scholastic average per semester missed the all-men's average. I did not set out to make Beta Gamma Sigma nor was my head bowed in shame, disgrace and disillusionment when I did not make it. I graduated in June, 1922, and since that time I have enjoyed a rather varied business and social experience. In all that time I have not found it necessary to affirm or deny that I was an honor student in college. But I have found that the things that I learned in college have been of inestimable value to me in business and in social life. That is the important thing.



New York Alpha Comes Into Its Own

BY HAROLD F. GRUNERT
New York Alpha

ON November 13, 1926, New York Alpha welcomed the homecoming of some one hundred and seventy of its alumni brothers. The occasion also happened to be the twentieth anniversary of New York Alpha. As would be expected when such a milestone is reached, a banquet befitting a king was held after a most exciting football game.

On this same occasion, an inspired alumni formulated plans for a new house which would rank second to none on the Syracuse campus. After a little less than two years time, the present active chapter was enjoying the benefits and glory of a new home. Those benefits were anticipated before they were actually realized, however, as the whole chapter found it necessary to enjoy the discomforts of camping in the dormitory, upon its return to school last fall. Such discomforts as no heat, no windows, no hot water, no electric light—"no nothin'"—became a thing of the past, when finally room by room, floor by floor, everyone was able to move down.

The house is a model of Georgian Colonial architecture. It is situated on the same site of our former home. Supposedly called a remodeling, very few traces of the former house can be

found. It did not even resemble our present home either in size or shape. The same site was kept because the location is one of the best on the campus. We are located one block from the nearest college building, facing Walnut Park. Along both sides of this park are situated many of the fraternities and sororities of our institution. Along with us, several other fraternities have built new homes. The campus is now showing a definite trend toward modern art of fraternity house construction.

The exterior of the New York Alpha house is finished in red brick, offsetting the house against the others of the vicinity. Standing up from a stone porch are six massive wooden columns supporting a pediment upon which is the Sigma Phi Epsilon coat of arms in relief. The exterior woodwork is painted in white and the window blinds finished in green. The roofing is a composition tile from which project six dormers. The color of the green and white against the red brick and set off by a gray roof gives a pleasing contrast. Entering the house, one cannot help noticing the large red doors. The doorway is built in classic details.

Inside the doorway we enter a small tiled lobby. This is set off from the

entrance hall by French doors. In this hall we notice the paneled effect of the walls on our right. In one of these is a telephone booth in disguise, revealed only by the presence of a brass door knob. Particular notice is taken of the lighting fixtures which are in keeping with the true colonial style. Surrounding this entrance hall are four large rooms.

Upon the right is the library, which opens to the porch by means of

the walls are painted in a darkened buff. Two swinging doors in the rear lead into a serving pantry as well as into a large, light airy kitchen finished in gray. To the right in the rear are two unfinished rooms for possible future use as a maid's and matron's quarters.

The dining room also leads into the library and music rooms. The latter is wall papered in a contrasting figured hunting scene. The ceiling is



New York Alpha House.

French doors. This room may be closed off by two doors which, when opened, lend a solid massive effect to the walls. Inside of this wall and on both sides of the lobby are two spacious coat rooms. At the other end of the entrance hall is the dining room shut off by sliding doors. This is a very large room providing ample dining space for forty or more persons. The room is lighted by two large central fixtures as well as by eight wall fixtures. The room is finished in an apple green from the floor to a wooden border at a height of about three feet. From there to the ceiling

paneled and, with the exception of the wall paper, is finished in the same color scheme as the dining room. The same type of central lighting fixture is also used. This room leads to the large living room finished in buff. In both this and the music room are two Colonial styled centrally located fireplaces. The living room also leads to the porch through French doors as well as to the entrance hall, thus creating a complete circulation when dances are held. The furniture consists of solid oak chairs, tables, and lounges, as well as an upright piano and orthophonic phonograph. Directly



View in Living Room, New York Alpha House.

opposite the entrance to the living room across the entrance hall is a staircase finished in white with mahogany treads leading to a chamber hall on the second floor. Directly under this staircase is a private staircase leading to a as yet unfinished chapter meeting room in the basement.

Upstairs, surrounding the chamber hall, are six study rooms large enough to hold from two to four persons. A

hallway leading off this hall has entrances to three more study rooms. The color scheme throughout the house with the exceptions mentioned is buff with ivory colored woodwork and trim. The hallway also leads to two bathrooms, one of which is equipped with showers. Two entrances lead to the dormitory, one from the rear extremity of the hallway and the other from the chamber



Colonial Fireplace in New York Alpha Living Room.

hall. Both of the staircases are continuations of those leading up from the ground floor, the one in the rear leading down to the kitchen. The dormitory is large, light, and airy, having ample space for all of the cots. Set off from the front part of the dormitory are two roughly finished rooms which provide study space for eight more brothers.

The house is designed to house thirty-three brothers comfortably, although more can be accommodated if necessary. The permanent furnishing of the first floor is in the hands of an interior decorator in order to keep in harmony with the true southern, colonial atmosphere. The unfinished rooms do not present a distasteful appearance as they are completely shut off and are merely provisions for future use when the occasion shall demand. There is space enough on one side for a driveway to the rear of the

house. A side porch is provided in the event of such construction, to be put in when funds are available.

Too much praise cannot be given to the five members of the board of directors of the local alumni association, Brothers Gordon Hoople, Brooks, Coursen, Weigand, and Myers. It was through the untiring efforts of these five men both before and during the construction of the new house that New York Alpha has been able to realize a long-felt want. We are also indebted to our alumni brothers who made our bond issue a success. We, the active chapter, are indeed grateful to all who have made or helped to make such a fitting memorial to Sigma Phi Epsilon on the Syracuse University campus.

To our brothers everywhere, remember that New York Alpha will ever be willing to offer the hospitality of its new home.

The Sanction of the Paddle

BY FRED E. MILLER
Iowa Alpha

PRIMITIVE man was once compelled to use his bare hands to obtain his livelihood and protect himself from his enemies, conquering those inferior to himself and yielding to those superior. As he grew in knowledge he found that by arming himself with a club he could demand greater respect from those with whom he came in contact as long as they depended solely upon their bare hands for protection. But given the same advantage his adversary was his equal, if not his superior, in any phase of their intensive struggle for existence.

This illustration, though crude, may be easily adapted to that thriving so-

cial institution, the college fraternity of the American universities and colleges. Herein we find, not primitive man, but man at his zenith, well educated, cultured and capable, arming himself exactly as did his primitive forefathers, that he might demand respect from those who are his equal, if not his superior, the difference being that primitive man was armed to strike down his deadly enemy, while the fraternity man is armed that he might abuse those whom he expects to embrace later in the bonds of fraternal love and fellowship.

Undoubtedly this question is one uppermost in the minds of all those interested in the future of the college

fraternity. No question has ever been discussed but what adherents were found for both sides, and adherents that felt beyond a doubt that their side was the only correct view of the matter, so while not denying the rest of the world the privilege of being heard, I feel compelled to line up on the side of those who feel that there is a more suitable method of obtaining respect from "insolent and overbearing pledges" than by following the teaching of the old axiom that "might makes right."

I feel that it is unfortunate that a college or university man, who has attended school for three or four years and been an active member of a fraternity during this period, has not acquired enough poise and prestige to demand the respect of a "green" pledge without resorting to a club to impress him with the fact that the pledge has much to learn by taking account of this "super-man" who wears the shield which he so earnestly desires. The pledge is without a doubt the man who is going to carry out the plans and ideals of the fraternity to which he is pledged. He is, or at least should be, during his days of pledgship, absorbing these plans and ideals, and looking forward to the time when he will have an active part in their completion. If the ideals are sufficiently high and the pledge worthy, I see very little necessity for the club as a medium to bring the two together.

During the days of my own pledgship I came in contact with actives of both types, those whose sole claim to recognition was the fact they were brothers in the fraternity of my choice and another group whom I respected, not because they "wielded a wicked stick," but because I saw in them characteristics which I hoped I might acquire by contact with them. The

first group was composed of those whom I feel are "excess baggage" in every organization of which they may become a member. Their main purpose in being a member of the fraternity was that they felt the fraternity had something to offer them, while they had nothing to give in return. They were parasites, taking everything they could get, and contributing nothing, unless criticism and ill-will is to be considered a contribution. The latter group contained men who were active in all phases of college work; they were good students, they were respected on the campus, they held the important offices, both school and fraternity, they were more concerned in what they had to give the fraternity than what they could extract from it with the least possible effort. Their method of handling pledges was to sit down and talk with them concerning the problems of fraternity life rather than relying upon an application of the paddle to adjust the matter.

Without a doubt, an active member of a fraternity is entitled to the respect of the lowly pledge, but how to obtain it is the question. If you, as an active, have not in the time you spent in pledgship and brotherhood, acquired something that will cause a pledge to respect you and your opinion without resort to the paddle, you must admit that as a fraternity man you have failed. If a fraternity cannot give to a man enough prestige to warrant the respect of a pledge without the use of the paddle that fraternity has failed. The world has no place for the failure, either of man or of the fraternity. So paddle if you must, but in so doing, admit that your sole claim to respect is through the medium of the club, which is not much of a claim after all.

"Up and atom," cried the molecule.—*Drexer*d.



Floating University students at the Honolulu Pier.

Notes From the Campus of the Floating University

BY MILTON H. BOOTH
California Beta

SECOND INSTALLMENT

SOMEWHERE in the rather more than less spacious halls of the Phya Thai Palace in Bangkok, Siam, students of the Floating University are taking final examinations for the first semester of the college year. This marks the half-way point in the history of this year's cruise, a history dotted with much that is commendable, much that is not so commendable.

Last night, perhaps as a sort of preparation for the tedium of today's exams the students attended a presentation of Siamese classical drama at the Theatre Royal. His Majesty the King, slated to be present, failed to appear. This was nearly as disappointing as the show itself, but as the king had seen this play before his

non-appearance is easily understandable.

First on the program was a dance by the junior members of the Royal Ballet. The costumes worn by the dancers were gorgeous. The dance itself was something in the nature of an endurance contest in slow motion, and was performed in what would be the orchestra pit of an American theatre. The orchestra of drums, xylophones, bells, tom toms and the like was perched on the elevated stage in back of the pit.

Following the ballet came the classical play or Khon. It concerned a great battle between an army of demons and an army of monkeys for possession of a beautiful woman, wife of a man who is leading the monkey army.



Of course the Floating University "did" the beach at Waikiki.

True to good movie tradition the man slays the Demon King and recovers his bride, but he takes a distressingly long time to do it.

Ranking near the regular dramas in classical importance are the Hun plays, or puppet shows. The plays are presented accompanied by music, and by dialogue when necessary. The dolls are manipulated by strings worked from beneath. The marionettes are well made and costumed. Such a Hun play was presented in the hotel gardens the night following the arrival of the Floating University at Bangkok.

The shadow play, or Nang, is another form of drama that was once popular in Spain. A strong light in back of a white screen serves to throw the shadows of the elaborately carved figures onto the screen. As in the case of the Hun plays, music and dialogue accompany the action of the figures. All these forms of drama have lost their popularity due to the advent of the American motion picture. Movie theatres do a flourishing business, the papers run large movie sections including

even the latest Hollywood gossip, movie magazines are popular and most of the people have a favorite star. Nearly every taxi here at the hotel has the picture of some movie star stuck on the instrument board.

It might be interesting to trace the demeanor and misdemeanors of the Floating University as it traveled across the Pacific and then down the China coast, across the equator to Java, and then north again through the Java Sea and up the Malay peninsula to Bangkok in Siam.

The Floating University spent December 7 in Honolulu, the only break in the three weeks' trip from San Francisco to Kobe. The ship sailed past Diamond Head and docked in Pearl Harbor

at daybreak. The Pali, where a sixty-mile-an-hour wind made bloomers an essential part of the co-ed's costume, was first visited. Then came a swim at Waikiki. I was lucky enough to get a front seat in an outrigger canoe. The thrill of riding the breakers in the canoe is one not to be surpassed. The annual upsetting of an outrigger was accomplished for a group of students, and they nursed



A pagoda at Nikko, Japan—part of the famous temple where Shinto and Buddhist worship side by side.



The beauty of the British colony of Hongkong has not been exaggerated.

bruises and told of the "shipwreck" for days after the President Wilson again set out for Kobe.

Highlight of the trip to Kobe was the cabaret put on at the captain's dinner the night before the Wilson reached Japan. George Buzza of Minneapolis was author and director of the show which featured a co-ed chorus fitted out in costumes that would make Earl Carroll look to his laurels. A heavy sea did what it could to add to the festivities.

The first real test of the practicability of combining land travel and study came in Japan. Theoretically the mornings were to be devoted to study and class meetings, the afternoons to sight-seeing and the evenings left free for recreation or study. Each class meeting was to last a half hour, thus making it possible to hold all classes in the morning. It was necessary that this amount of classroom work be kept up if the Floating University was to succeed in providing a full year's collegiate work.

But it didn't seem to work out. There were too many other interesting things to do, too much time was consumed in travel and preparation for travel to allow the plan to succeed. Class attendance dropped to almost nothing, and there was very little studying done. Not only that, but with frequent all day trips arranged, classes did not meet with any degree of regularity. This is not a thing that damns the Floating University idea, or this year's cruise for that matter, but it does show that it is foolish to try to give a full year's academic work in the course of a trip around the world. Certainly, if the student should in the course of such a trip do the scholastic work equivalent to one semester at his home college it should be satisfactory to all.

For the Floating University does offer some educational features that a land college could not duplicate. Take the trip a group of students in com-



The 'rikisha stand in the foreground of this Hongkong street reminds one that in the Orient one may let someone else do his walking for him.



A sociology class meeting in the tea room of the President Wilson under Dr. E. A. Ross, University of Wisconsin, internationally famed author, who is seated at the extreme right. Inset—The author, Milton H. Booth, California Beta, and one of the co-eds, Miss Marie Macmillan of Los Angeles.

parative religion made to the Shigisan monastery near Nara, Japan. The monastery is located high in the mountains and is reached by cable car. The group of a dozen students arrived at the Shigisan village the afternoon of December 23. From here they walked to the top of the mountain where the monastery is located. They were received by the Buddhist monks, not one of whom could speak English, but whose hospitality was most cordial.

First the visitors were given baths in steaming hot water in tiny sunken bathtubs. Shoes of course are taboo in the monastery. The guests were given robes like those worn by the

monks. Late in the afternoon they were served a vegetarian dinner, Japanese style. After dinner they were shown around the monastery and then given beds which consisted of blankets and quilts piled on the floor. At day-break the students were awakened and joined the priests who conducted sunrise services. Incense, flowers and chanted prayers all took their place in the ritual. Thus it was that for a day these young people lived the life of Buddhist monks.

Then there was the sociology field trip that Lester Ross and I made to Osaka. We had Ken-Ichira Murata, a student at Doshisha University of Kyoto with us as guide and inter-

preter. Our main objective was the police station (I'm not trying to be funny) and the courts building. Though no courts were in session we were shown the courtrooms and the trial procedure was explained. Japan has a jury system, using twelve jurors for an ordinary trial. A majority of the jurors decide the case. Hung juries are unknown, which means that there are more criminals hung. The detention prison, the police headquarters and the courts building are all located near one another, and tunnels and bridges connect them. After giving us the figures showing Osaka to be remarkably crime-free one of the court officials said, "Nothing like Chicago."

Dr. E. A. Ross, the director of education, has held numerous round table conferences with prominent educators, business men and officials in all countries visited. These meetings are well attended, and the information secured is for the most part very worth while. Students of oriental art have made many special trips to temples and museums. Government students have visited legislative houses and have been able to discuss government problems with political leaders. In fact, the university has been fairly successful in tying up shore trips with the subjects in which the student specializes.

The Floating University spent Christmas at Kyoto, and it was the most dismal Christmas one would care to see. The girls were all homesick, as were most of the boys. In expectation of customs inspection at Kobe all packages from home had been opened on the boat. A formal dinner dance at the Miyako Hotel on Christmas Eve seemed more in the nature of a funeral than a party. Both my roommates were sick in bed, which was not so pleasant. It was so bad that I'd advise all future traveling colleges to cross the international date

line on the twenty-fourth of December and thus miss Christmas altogether.

As far as I was concerned New Year's Eve more than made up for a poor Christmas. We were in Tokyo, but the capital had some sort of a curfew law that makes it a poor place to hold a dance. So with a Tokyo newspaperman and a cruise co-ed I went to the costume ball at the Hotel New Grand in Yokohama. It was like being transported back to the Biltmore in Los Angeles. The affair had all the earmarks of a good American college brawl, down to the last detail, and the result was that a good time was had by all. Most of the celebrants were Americans, though there were a number of Japanese, and the English, Russians and other foreigners were there too.

Which brings us to a place where it is in order to make some comment on the dancing places in the Orient of which one may write home. The Hotel Majestic in Shanghai is supplied with a dining room so beautiful, and orchestra so excellent, and so on and so forth, that it easily ranks as the best in the Far East. The Manila Hotel, with its roofed open air dining room overlooking the bay, is as charming a place as one would care to find. The Peninsula Hotel at Kowloon, with its new roof garden grill opened the night we were there, attracts a crowd that is mainly English, but in which China is well represented.

Then there are the cabarets. The Little Club in Shanghai is so typically Hollywood that I found myself looking around for a few movie stars. Tom's Oriental Kitchen in Manila is another Hollywoodesque place, though on a lesser scale than the Little Club. There is another place in Manila, the Santa Ana Cabaret, that is one of the strangest places I have ever visited. It claims the largest dance floor in the



Looking toward Bangkok, Siam, from the top of the stairway on the Wat Arun. The wats seen in the distance are some of the hundreds of these Buddhist shrines and temples in Bangkok.

world, and I am in no position to contradict. About two-thirds of the room is given over to the men who come without escorts, while the rest of the barn is reserved for those who brought their own. A lattice work partition divides the two parts of the room, and in a break in this partition is a stage for the orchestra. The dances are short and snappy, giving ample opportunity to buy drinks. Yes, buy drinks, for prohibition has not spread to our beautiful island possession.

In spite of these places, save the Santa Ana Cabaret, formal dress is in order. In fact, all through the Orient there is much more "dressing" than at home. This was not true in Java where one wears all white all the time, but wherever English in-

Below—Group of Floating University students at Wat Arun.



fluence predominates, the tuxedo is essential. At the Adelphi Hotel in Singapore one has to be formally attired in order to dance. Here in Bangkok the white mess jacket, or monkey jacket, with white vest, dress shirt and trousers, and black bow tie is the thing to wear. One dons this outfit on the least provocation.

At Kyoto in Japan the Floating University was divided into two sections, one to visit Java, the other to go to Canton and the interior of China. I was fortunate enough to be with the first party for the trip to Java. This group sailed from Kobe January 5 on the President Van Buren. The ship had just passed through a typhoon and was a day late and badly battered. The scheduled two-day stop at Shanghai was cut to one day to enable the boat to get back on schedule. However, in the

Whangpo River the Van Buren managed to go aground, and four hours were lost before the tide came in and released the boat.

There was a one-day stop at Hongkong, two days at Manila, and on January 21 the Floating University changed to the S. S. Van Waerwijck at Singapore for the trip to Samarang. Two little occurrences, one at Manila, the other at Singapore, made sufficient impression to lead me to think they're worth recording.

The Van Buren was scheduled to sail from Manila at midnight. Marie Macmillan, one of the co-eds, Lloyd Woodhouse, my roommate, and I were having dinner that night at the Manila Hotel. As above intimated, food, dance floor and orchestra were good. We ordered a taxi about 11:30, but there was some sort of a mix-up, and it was five of twelve before we got one. The pier at Manila is the longest in the world, and our boat was at the wrong end of this pier. It is a two deck affair, with gangplanks to the boat from each deck. We had our taxi drive out to the lower gangplank, but it had already been taken in. So, while the boat waited, we drove back to the pier entrance, climbed to the upper deck and sprinted back to the main gangplank. It had been taken in and the boat was ready to go when we got back. They put it out again and we got aboard. We were all dressed formally, and between the three of us didn't have money enough to pay taxi fare back to the hotel. Try to imagine the situation if the boat had not waited.

In Singapore we staged a repeat on a smaller scale. The launch for the boat was scheduled to leave Johnson's pier at three. Our barefoot Hindu taxi driver did not even have a sneaking notion that there was such a thing as the English language. Woodhouse and I had to buy a suitcase, and by the time we were able to convince

the driver he should take us to a luggage store, it was well after three. When we reached the pier the whole university was waiting on the launch. Such popularity we won! No one really likes to be kept waiting. The situation here wasn't as bad as at Manila, for we probably could have hired a motorboat and reached the Van Waerwijck before it sailed, even if the launch had not waited.

Naturally we had to cross the equator to get to Java, and as we had the boat to ourselves, and not more than five of the forty-five in the party had ever been across before, some sort of celebration was necessary. The crossing took place at about two-thirty in the morning. A group of about eight gathered in my room to plan the affair. We got an O. K. from the captain, champagne from the bar, and the huge dinner bell from the dining room. So equipped we awaited the equator.

When the time came toasts were given in honor of the occasion. Then a bathtub was filled with water, and the ice used to cool the champagne was dumped in. Everyone on the boat was soon all wet. Those not ducked in the tub were dampened down with buckets of water. A water fight in the halls lasted for at least a half hour. The faculty was not immune. The total result was one of the strangest equator crossings Father Neptune ever witnessed.

Java is an island with an area of about that of the state of New York and with a population of twenty-six million. This makes it the most densely populated country on the face of the earth. Primarily agricultural, it is cultivated to the limit. The soil is a wonder for richness, there is plenty of moisture, labor is cheap, so that the whole island is like a hand-kept park. The terraced rice fields run high into the mountains, and down to the water's edge along every



A group of Floating University students at The Pali, Honolulu, where a sixty-mile-an-hour zephyr argued in favor of bloomers as an essential part of a co-ed's attire.

stream. There are rubber, coffee, tea, quinine, banana and cocoanut plantations galore. These are all cultivated by hand, you might say, and the result is certainly good to look upon.

This tropical island is very wealthy. The exports are of much greater value than the imports, giving it a most favorable trade balance. There are oil wells and coal mines. The great Shell Oil Company got its start here. Here is located the capital of Netherland Indies. The fine grade of rice raised there is sent to Europe, while an inferior grade is imported from China for native use. The tea and coffee are of superlative grades, and bring high prices in the markets of Europe and America. There is a good run of tourist trade, and this certainly does the island no harm financially.

It is no wonder that the island is popular with the tourists. Consider one day we spent there. We left the Hotel Homann at Bandoeng at five o'clock, and were far out in the country when the sun came up. We visited a tapioca factory, a coffee plantation, a tea plantation and then drove

into the mountains. We had breakfast at Hack's Radium Hotel, a mountain lodge and health resort at Kamodjan, and then rode horseback four miles through the jungle to the crater of a volcano. Back again to a luncheon at the lodge, and then twelve kilometers to the fine hotel at Garoet for dinner. Here we went swimming in a beautiful open air pool, called the Zembaad. This was following a drive of nearly one hundred kilometers, among volcanic peaks, past rice fields, plantations and all sorts of beautiful tropical vegetation, over roads as smooth as glass, to Bandoeng.

The Dutch hotels in Java are built on a rambling style, and cover much territory, so they are fairly large though never more than two stories high. Each room has an open air verandah and writing room, and most corner rooms have two. The meals do not consist of a few fruits and vegetables as one might expect in the tropics, but they are ten and twelve course repasts with much meat and poultry and fish on the menu. The food is excellently prepared, and it would take a lot of will power to keep

from getting fat in Java. As far as I could see very few of the Dutchmen had a lot of will power.

The day starts at these hotels at six o'clock when the boys come around and wake the guests and give them coffee. This coffee is about one-fifth thick syrupy coffee, and the rest steaming hot goat's milk. Sugar is added if you want it. When first tried this does not seem so good, but even our American coffee appetites were able to approve of Javanese Java before we left. Breakfast, largely cold meats, is served from before sunrise till nine o'clock. At 12:30 luncheon is served, usually in seven or eight courses, or you may have the rice table, a highly flavored dish that is heaven to the natives and some of the Dutch, but death to an American. It consists of a little of everything, with rice as the chief ingredient, tastes terrible and smells worse.

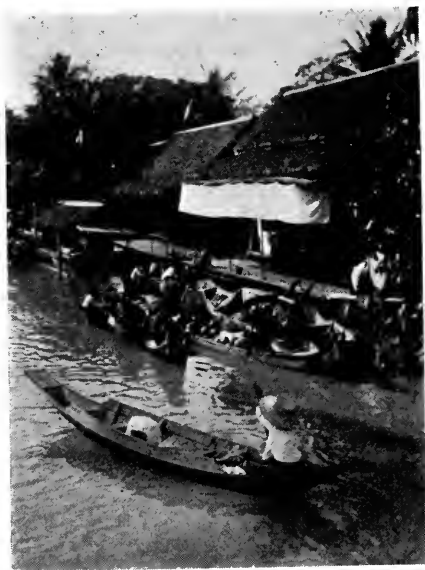
The siesta hour comes at two, and then all is quiet. The stores and factories close. All service at the hotels ceases. The hotel guests don pajamas and either sleep in the cane lounging chairs on their private verandahs, or

else retire to their rooms. Between four and five Java, including the hotels, again wakes up. Tea is served to all who want it. Dinner, a square meal if there ever was one, is served in about a dozen courses from seven-thirty till nine. By the time one gets out of the dining room, provided he has ambition enough left to do even that, he is ready to crawl under the mosquito netting that covers the bed. If you crave to gain weight spend a month in a hotel in Java.

In Batavia, Woodhouse and I bought a baby monkey. He was able to furnish quite a bit of entertainment. The first morning he woke us up even earlier than our Malay room boy would have dared to. It was a new if not pleasant experience to get up with the sun in order to quiet a teething monkey. Later in the day we got some Lux and gave the little beast a bath. He fought it nobly, and it really took the two of us to bathe him. Before we finally had to get rid of him he became quite tame, and we frequently let him out of his cage, sans chain. Then excitement was at fever pitch. He managed



Two students kodaking in front of the bungalow guest rooms of the Grand Hotel de Djoka, Djoka, Java.



Scene in the floating market at Bangkok, Siam.

to break up one class, which is certainly something in his favor.

When we finally had to part with the monkey in Singapore we took him out to the so-called jungle in the Botanical Gardens where there are thousands of monkeys. We tried to turn him loose. He refused to go. Woodhouse tossed him bodily into a tree, but before we could get into our taxi and away, he was back and climbed onto the fender. This performance was repeated several times. He refused freedom, so we gave him to the taxi driver.

In Batavia two other boys and I put out the first razz sheet Java had ever seen. Kolff, the printer, has a modern plant, one of the finest I have ever seen. It was difficult to make him understand what an American razz sheet should look like, but we finally got the idea across. The linotype operators are natives, and do not understand English, but they turned out surprisingly good work, and the

proofs needed but little correcting. My main difficulty was to get them to set the headlines as desired, but by the time we got the third proof the paper looked about as we wanted it. It cost about half what a similar job would have been at home.

For some unknown reason a cattle ship was selected to bring the group back to Singapore from Batavia. It was fairly comfortable for the 2,200 hogs and 400 cattle, but it was impossible for the students. Sailing across the equator with 2,200 swine is an experience you should be paid for, not one for which you should pay to have. The smell—believe it or not—nearly killed the monkey. The *S. S. Van Cloon* may serve a good cause as it carries freight to the northern tip of Borneo, but it will be a long time before it is rated as a palace passenger ship.



S. S. Van Cloon leaving Batavia with its Floating University students and 2,200 hogs which, in the tropics, the author believes, could have been easily located by a blind man.

The train trip through the Federated Malay States and across Siam to Bangkok was not de luxe travel, either. The first night we had sleepers, and though they should not be mentioned in the same breath with an American Pullman, they were not bad. On the Royal State Railway of Siam we were in day coaches. The

benches are narrow, hard and close together. There wasn't enough room on the floor for everybody, so many had to sleep in the seats.

Which brings us to Bangkok, final examinations, royal entertainment, heat, cockroaches, mosquitoes, and the half-way mark in the year's cruise, as well as the end of this yarn.



WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Nothing. It's just as it should be, for you discover before you Past Grand President Francis J. Knauss in the act of receiving from Senator Jose E. Martinez, Colorado Alpha, the Past Grand President's badge and with it the good wishes of his Sig Ep friends. The surrounding scenery is composed of members of the Denver Alumni Chapter. It is very fortunate that the cameraman happened to be present as the presentation took place and that the Denver alumni present were, at the moment, so satisfactorily arranged for photographic purposes. Our only regret is that a talking picture was not taken so you could hear the words of eloquence with which the junior senator told the P. G. P. what the fraternity thinks of him.

Wouldn't a medical fraternity magazine entitle a discussion of financial delinquency within the chapters "The Epidemiology of Remissio Pecunaria?" *The Messenger* of Theta Kappa Psi did.

Howard White, Oklahoma Alpha, Composes New Fraternity Song

BY THOMAS W. UTTERBACK
Oklahoma Alpha

ANOTHER melody has been added to the repertoire of songs dedicated to Sigma Phi Epsilon. This latest addition is the song "Fidelity" by Howard White, Oklahoma Alpha, which will be presented in the next issue of the Song Book. The song is a favorite with the vocally inclined at Oklahoma Alpha and has also been adjudged by those who have heard it as one of the prettiest of Sig Ep songs.

This song is just one of a number of accomplishments in the college career of Howard White. Recently a campaign was started at Oklahoma A. & M. for some new college songs. He immediately put his knowledge of sharps, flats and measures to work and produced "Sing a Song for A. & M." The song has been presented to the

student body in chapel, and from the warm reception it was given, it is not unlikely that it will become one of the most popular college airs.

White is a piano player of no mean ability, as a result of his ten years of music training, and besides furnishing the Sig Ep house with music he is playing the organ at a local theatre. He has played in a number of

orchestras which have had numerous engagements throughout the state.

He scored another hit in his college career when he presented an act entitled "Whitey White's Follies of 1930" in the annual Aggie Vodville, given under the auspices of the college glee club. He personally composed, directed and played the leading part in this unique act in which all members of the cast were Sig Eps.

FIDELITY

By HOWARD WHITE AND BOB REED
Oklahoma Alpha

*O heart of gold, with fringe of pearl,
To thee, I pledge my loyalty;
Sigma Phi Epsilon, to you I pledge
fidelity
Till the end of time.
Loyal to fraternal bonds,
When college days are o'er,
Dearer to my heart you grow,
As on through life I go.*

*Now hand in hand, I'll ever be,
With thee, mine own fraternity.
Sigma Phi Epsilon, to you I pledge
fidelity,
And to you we'll sing all praise,
Loyal to fraternal bonds,
When college days are o'er,
Dearer to my heart you grow,
As on through life I go.*

Beginner's Luck: Happiness during the first two weeks after marriage.
Cannon Bawl.

Odyssey of a Globe Trotter

BY HARVEY W. WITWER
Nebraska Alpha

ONE of my forefathers was either a traveling secretary for some ancient fraternal order, or had tattooing on his chest and a girl in every port. At any rate I inherited an inclination to wander that has broken loose on several occasions, which explains why I wasn't satisfied to stay in Seattle after the Sig Ep Conclave last August, in spite of the fact that I had a good job.

One morning, while working in the woods just out of Seattle with a surveying crew, my axe got unwieldy or sensed my desire for new scenery, and did a perfect job of severing the bonds that threatened my freedom. The cut the axe dealt me, resulted in a short stay in the hospital, two weeks on crutches, a month's compensation, and the excuse for going to sea. I shall always feel indebted to the axe for the latter.

I went from Seattle to San Francisco, where I developed twenty-six gray hairs wandering around the water front trying to sign up on a boat for the Orient. After two weeks of disappointment I finally got a job on the President Grant as a messman. This meant several thousand dirty dishes between Frisco and China, therefore I eventually developed somewhat of a hatred for that axe. I had seaman's papers from previous experience at sea and seamen don't relish washing dishes and making beds. Beggar's can't be choosers, however, so the last of October found me at home in a forecandle with five other messmen.

The President Grant is an American mail liner that offers passengers the privilege of sickness between Frisco and the Philippines, via Japan

and China. We were the ship's first white messmen, having replaced Chinese that previously filled the steward's department on all the American mail boats. These Chinks had received \$13 per month, and we as American citizens got scale wages of \$45. Consequently two of us had the work of three Chinks, and I wasn't at all anxious to prove I was as good as a Chinaman-and-a-half. Washing dishes, making beds for thirty-five petty officers and serving them, was the daily task that carried me through the first leg of my trip.

Honolulu was the first port of call and I fell flat as a seafaring man when I failed to leave a girl behind. However, there were plenty in Honolulu whom I wouldn't mind being untrue to me while I was gone. Four thousand dishes later we reached Yokohama, Japan. Fortunately it was the week of the Emperor's coronation and the city was at its best. By this time I was answering to the title "mess," the usual name given to all messboys. I had learned to wipe dishes without drying them and many other arts to speed up the work. Kobe was our next Japanese city, then across the Yellow Sea to Shanghai, China.

In spite of the four hundred million population rushing prospects are poor, but there is a lot of good track men pulling tourists around in 'rikishas. Shanghai is called the Paris of the Orient and seems rightly named. When you go ashore you have to fight off beggars all the way to one of the high class bars. When you return you don't even notice them.

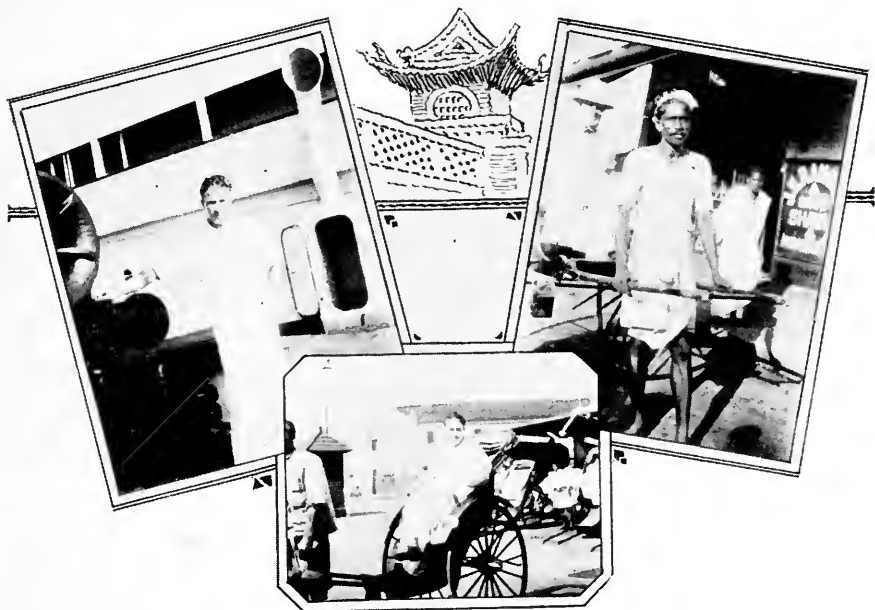
Our liner was surrounded with small river boats the moment we arrived in Hong Kong. The occupants

proved to be whole families of Chinese who were begging for any scraps of food we could spare. I concluded they don't have much to eat in China or their cafeterias were all on a strike.

In Hongkong I managed to enjoy the experience of smoking opium without becoming addicted to the drug or going to sleep and missing my boat.

As we neared the Philippines I

Fortunately, I signed on the President Harrison two weeks later as an able seaman. She was bound for New York via the Suez and Mediterranean on a regular run around the world. Six colleges and three fraternities were represented among the crew of the Harrison. This time I sang praise to the axe that started me on my trip and resulted in getting a ship with so many congenial fellows. Furthermore



Upper Left—Harvey Witwer on board the President Grant in the role of Messman.
 Upper Right—This is the author's Senegesele rickisha in Singapore, selected for qualifications other than pulchritude. He has possibilities as a track man.
 Bottom—Witwer caught in the act of sight-seeing from a Chinese motor.

made plans to desert the President Grant as it was returning over the same route and I was bent on circling the globe. When we arrived at Manila I hung up my dish towel, put away my broom, packed my bag and left. Beachcombing would be my occupation until I could make a boat headed for India and Europe. When I deserted the Grant I lost part of my pay, but had enough with me to hold out for a few weeks.

as a seaman I received \$62.50 and no longer would answer to the call of "mess."

Singapore was the first stop out of Manila and along with the collegiate faction I helped paint the "cross roads of the world" in regular college style. A group of alumni from colleges in the states gave us a big dinner and the four days spent there might be comparable to a homecoming week-end.

At Ceylon, the isle of tea, we dropped anchor in Colombo, but forgot to sample the tea. A hot run across the Indian Ocean and through the Red Sea brought us to the Suez Canal and Port Said. The latter is rated the world's most wicked city and would be a bad place for a college man. Fortunately, or unfortunately, we arrived there New Year's Eve, but the most exciting incident was a fight with the native ferrymen who tried a little high finance with their prices.

Three of the seamen left the ship against the captain's orders to visit the Pyramids and later catch the boat at Alexandria. They achieved their end, and the captain achieved his by throwing them in the brig for two days. I was planning to desert the boat at Naples, Italy, the next port, in order to cross Europe to London. In view of the captain's action I was greatly relieved when we arrived at Naples late at night and I could make a carefully planned exit. I wasn't at all anxious to find out how the captain would deal with a deserter; or to have the immigration officials of Italy find me without a visa.

From Naples I went third class to Rome where I woke up to the fact I'd forgotten much of my ancient history.

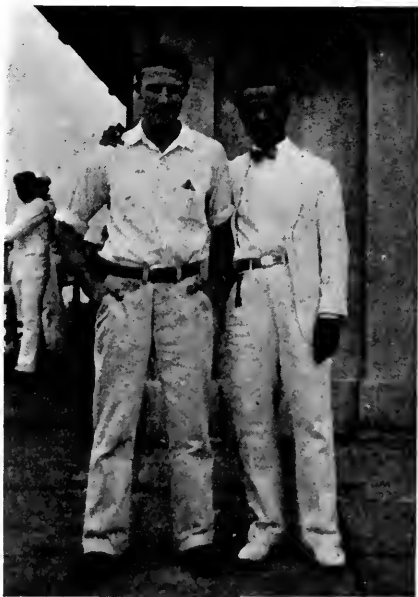
After Rome came Genoa, Piza, and then the most beautiful part of my whole trip—the Riviera, Nice, Monte Carlo, and Marseilles. I went to the Casino of Monte Carlo planning to turn \$5 into a thousand or so and, failing, concluded the roulette wheels must have been crooked. Maybe it was because there were fourteen tables in action at once and I couldn't pick myself a lucky one.

By the time I arrived in Paris I could pick up a menu and select something to eat out of the advertising. Paris is another bad place for college men. None of the good looking girls have fraternity pins on, wine comes with the meals and there are no

twelve-thirty night rules. I have lost track of the cathedrals, museums, art galleries and shows that I visited in the ten days I spent there.

I was so full of historical data and facts of interest to American travelers when I reached Brussels that the mere hint of a new date to remember or name to pronounce made me homesick. Having seen enough of Europe to make home look good I crossed the channel to London with hopes of getting a job within a week or ten days.

The first few days in London I spent trying to keep from getting lost. My money was nearly all back in France in various places and after five days I realized it was winter time in a big city and no fraternity brothers to borrow from. I went to see the American consul hoping he would be glad to see a fellow from the States. He told me to just wait around every day for a while and there would be a job on a boat for New York. Three



In Manila—Witwer (left) and a native Filipino who studied at Iowa College and graduated from Chicago University.

more days found me broke and tired of waiting. I explained the situation to the consul, and after looking over my seaman's papers he put me on relief as a destitute seaman and so I rated a new home and three meals a day until a job turned up three weeks later.

At the seamen's home I learned to drink tea every afternoon and listened in on enough sailor yarns to write a book. After an interminable period the consul directed me to report to the Minnekata which was about to sail for New York and was taking on

a couple of men. Luckily I landed a job and arrived in New York early in March. A bit of financing after my arrival and I was off for home at Greeley, Colorado, via a number of points of interest, including a stop at Nebraska Alpha in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I've had three years in college. I may take another year but this jaunt around the globe really constitutes my senior year—a course made up entirely of electives and, I don't mind saying, as valuable a year as any of my experience.

Sig Ep Wins Partnership in Wall Street Brokerage Firm

WHEN young men from the west without friends or connections drift into New York and in a few years are found as general partners in old, established stock brokerage firms on Wall Street there is some very good reason. Nothing less than outstanding ability in the securities field will do it. At least that is the reason that Harlow W. Young, Nebraska Alpha, recently was admitted as a general partner in the old, established house of Springs & Company, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, as well as all other exchanges in New York, having offices at 60 Beaver Street.

Brother Young was stationed during the World War in a camp close to New York City and at that time became interested in securities. After the war he secured a job with Springs & Company, one of the old, well-established and reputable houses on Wall Street.

On February 1, 1929, eight years

after first taking a desk in the office of Springs & Company, Young was made a full partner, compelling his admittance to the firm by the extraordinary volume of sales of stocks he has handled through his own genius during the last few years. His has not been a business of taking orders that naturally come to the firm. He has gone out and landed new customers among the people of great wealth whose purchases of securities run into high figures. Among his personal clientele are numbered some of the largest and wealthiest of oil operators in the Oklahoma and Texas fields who make most of their purchases by long distance telephone.

Harlow Young has his residence in Yonkers, New York. Besides membership in several clubs he is a member of the New York Alumni Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. A tennis club located within a block of his home affords him his sole recreation.

VIEWS *and* REVIEWS



BY COLLIER FORD, WISCONSIN ALPHA

Sir, he hath never fed of the dainties that are bred in a book; he hath not eat paper, as it were; he hath not drink ink; his intellect is not replenished; he is only an animal; only sensible in the duller parts.—NATHANIEL, *Love's Labours Lost*.

"FAKES" AND LITERARY MORALITY—

This business of literary "fakes" has perplexed the high priests of that religion no little. Remember 'way back in the days of a couple of centuries ago, Chatterton produced his famous imitations of ancient ballads and then a little later, along came Ossian—a glorious epic chiefly of nonsense and thin air, which puffing old Sam Johnson pounced upon with all his half-ton of mental and physical weight and, after shaking it as a bull would a red rag, gorgeously tore it to bits and stamped the remnants into the 'ground at his feet.

The modern age which we call the twentieth century has had the same spurious counterfeits of what the critics and freshman rhetoric professors call "literchure," with a very capital L. Most beautiful of the latter-day fakes has turned out to be Joan Lowell's best-selling, Book-of-the-Month romancer, *The Cradle of the Deep*. It's true that many had their doubts about *Trader Horn* (put out by the same publisher), but nobody pricked the balloon in that case quite as beautifully as the myth-exploders have done in the legend of St. Joan.

Joan and her Ark have turned out to be quite the sensation. The book sold like a million—as it should, what with Messrs. Simon and Schuster advertising it in their usual coy and in-

triguing style. But no advertising was needed. All that was necessary was to print a few portraits of Joan, scattered hither and thither in Sunday supplements and displayed with gusto on the front-pages of literary reviews—and presto! Joan, all dolled up like a sailor lass, Joan with her eyes raised heavenward, madonna-like, Joan, with lips and beautiful streaming hair—who could be so cruel as to not buy her book? Why, they fought for the privilege.

And then along came Lincoln Colcord and just knocked the daylights out of Joan with unchivalrous facts to the effect that Joan was all wet, that she had lived only one year out of a supposed seventeen on the briny deep, and that the melodramatic escape from a burning ship in mid-ocean had turned out to be merely a stepping ashore onto the wharf when the galley stove fell over from old age.

Of course, more hullabaloo with ads of denial, statements by Joan, her father, her publishers, her husband (which was not so clever, as it'll undoubtedly discount the value of those S. A. pictures), and everybody down to the iceman who seduced down in the next block. "Why, any damn fool can be accurate," says Joan.

And Heywood Broun splinters a lance in her behalf with the precious definition that "Truth should include the things which could happen." To tell the truth (and in this case, it

does happen to be exactly that), I see little need for getting very excited one way or another. Those in the literary racket who are the first to cry "Puritan" and mutter under their breaths something "Honi soit qui . . ." at a hint of suppression, are likewise the first to hold their nostrils gently when one of these literary "fakes" appear. If it be lese majeste to suppress whatever a pseudo-artiste passes off as art, then where is the justice in decrying what is obviously a good yarn. The literati say it is an offense against the Holy Ghost and must needs uphold the morality of their trade—forgetting it entirely apparently when their opportunity comes (and they believe in making it) to rake the garbage over the streets in the most fashionable realistic manner.

Alas, they are hoist on their own petards. For a thrilling narrative is claimed the world over—and it doesn't really amount to a row of pins whether or not it's imagination, fact, or fancy. Since when, I ask you, did the talent for telling lively whoppers ever entitle anybody to aught but the gratitude and approval of mankind? A bas literary morality—there ain't no such animule.

FIVE BOOKS—

After that broadside, if you still have breath left, run over these books I ran across. I guarantee that any one or all of them are good for several hours of easy relaxation when you're in the mood.

Girl's Body Disappears from Tomb! Mystery of Violated Grave Unsolved! Triangle Ends in Husband's Death! Second Cirugue Body Discovered; Third Cirugue Corpse Appears! Find Fourth Cirugue Murder! Can Cirugue Case Be Cleared? ? ? ? ?

And with this auspicious beginning, Messieurs Maurice Renard and Albert Jean begin to untangle the twisted,

snarled skein of circumstance which is *The Blind Circle* (Dutton, \$2.00). As you may have guessed, it is a detective story, translated from the French. The question marks which follow you from page to page in the fascinating plot—and before the end, you'll be turning the pages fast and faster to see if your solution was the correct one.

Detective stories and thrillers are *le dernier cri* these days, as the popularity of the Crime Club and Detective Story of the Month and other ventures of the Literary Guild type prove. Psychologists have discovered the "mental recreation" and "emotional release" that lie under the covers of these yarns and consequently they are boosted to best-sellers by the critics—who thus agree with judgments passed by many a twelve-year-old boy in the hayrack or behind the piano with the forbidden Nick Carter or Jesse James in years past.

To return to *The Blind Circle*. It is cleverly written and with a literary style rarely to be found in such pages. To do more than hint at the story as in headlines above, would be a monstrous crime in itself. Discover these situations intense in intrigue and nerve-wracking in suspense. And after an hour or two you'll come back to reality again and wonder where the minutes have flown.

The trite old saying about "truth being stranger, etc." appears exceedingly apt, when we consider the next book unwrapped. It is *My Autobiography* (Scribner's, \$3.50) by Benito Mussolini. Notice that "My." It is characteristic of the book, the man, and the attitude in which the autobiography was written.

I must confess that I took up this volume with a faintly antagonistic opinion. Likewise, in this confessional, it must be acknowledged that I put it down with a like antagonistic view—but, and this must be stressed,

not toward the book but the man. The story of his life by Mussolini is effective; it has strength and verve. There is a simplicity in its pages and a forcefulness that directly reflects the power of the man behind. There is an informality that is reassuring when one considers the step beyond dictatorship. There is an unassuming attitude that is, I hope, a guarantee for the future. It is as if Mussolini had said, "Not I, but Italy is working through me." And yet those ever-recurring "I's"—it is an iteration that makes one wonder—

The foreword is by Richard Washburn Child, American ambassador to Italy. Mr. Child names what is undoubtedly Mussolini's ideal and program for Italy, "Work and discipline." Mussolini says himself, "For my supreme aim I have had the public interest." That this is sincere one can have no doubt. For the man takes himself seriously. And yet I am inclined to be afraid of men who take themselves in such an overwhelming serious manner. The justification or rejection of these fears lies in the years ahead. For the present, we have the intimate narrative of the man, his life, and work. Through it burns a passionate devotion to *Italia*—intermingled with those stalwart, self-reliant "I's". I wonder—

John Erskine steps forward in his customary manner and performs in accordance with expectations in his latest *Penelope's Man* (Bobbs-Merrill, \$2.50). In which spritely narrative, he relates "why the longest way round was the shortest way home for Ulysses" and explains this "homing instinct."

Mr. Erskine is very Twentieth Century, almost as completely as Tennyson was Nineteenth in his poem about Ulysses' meanderings. To be sure, "To strive, to seek, to find, and . . ."—but there the analogy ends—is the common theme of both. But

the Ulysses of Mr. Erskine most decidedly yields. Oh, yes! Let's see. There was Circe, and Calypso, and Nausicaa—that last a most pungent and amusing episode. Mr. Ulysses on his way home from Troy had no narrow prejudices. "Gather primroses while you may" his motto.

Clever and smart this account is. Mr. Erskine has a most decided flair for the humor of sophistication. But if he persists, where will our history and illusions be? He has shattered our ideals in *Galahad*, destroyed the unapproachableness by which beauty alone can exist in his *Helen*, marked for ridicule our faith in our forbears in *Adam and Eve*, and now Ulysses! One is tempted to quote to him the words of one of his own creations, "Do leave something to heaven, John."

While in the field of fiction, a more decided contrast to the flippant Erskine could not be found than in the new novel by H. W. Freeman, *Joseph and His Brethren* (Henry Holt, \$2.50). This piece of fiction comes with a most decided reputation. It has, the publishers say, "something quiet and solid, restrained and dignified, and sturdily original, about it." It had a first printing of 85,000 copies, due no doubt to the fact that it was selected by the Book of the Month Club.

Let us examine this reputation and see whereupon it is founded. In the first place, the book concerns the relation of man to the earth. Therefore, it is no doubt called "solid." "Quiet"—yes, that it certainly is. There is no splurge and splash about its style or material, no attempt at modernity or sensation. "Restrained and dignified" again are phrases that seem to suit it well. "Sturdily original"? *There* is a question. I seem to remember a Thomas Hardy and Powsy. However, this alone is not an indictment. Influence of other

writers can never be escaped. And as one reads Mr. Freeman's work, one is conscious that here is a new treatment and an original method.

The story is simple enough. Rural life, conflict of the ties of land and the desire for freedom, a primitive rustic group of characters. It is the story of six brothers and the land. Women have little part in the foreground. They help to paint the atmosphere. But despite their minor position, Mr. Freeman succeeds most remarkably in their character delineation. Their qualities and fiber are memorable and will remain.

The book is not modern and yet it is. The characteristic that most strongly impressed me as aligning it with present-day literary tendencies was its philosophy of fatalism which occurs again and again and which Mr. Freeman seemingly accepts. This production is not startling; it is not an over-night wonder, but it has the stuff of enduring fiction. It will stay with you.

It is a delight to review *The Tower* (Macmillan, \$2.25) by William Butler Yeats. It contains the essence of all true poetry. While there is in the Irish poet, now along in years, a trace of autumnal sadness, there also is present, autumnal splendor.

There is a tone of reminiscence about this thin volume. In "Meditations" this is echoed:

A puff of wind
And those white glimmering frag-
ments of the mist sweep by.
Frenzies bewilder, reveries perturb the
mind;
Monstrous familiar images swim to
the mind's eye.

It is re-echoed in the titles of the poems: "Youth and Age," "The New Faces," "Wisdom," "A Man Young and Old." From *The Tower*, Yeats muses upon life, the passions and the moods of men. And in his ponderings shines through a fine maturity, a

thoughtful soul, and the spirit of integrity.

Poems I especially liked were "Leda and the Swan" with its imagery and color and grace of expression, and "The Gift of Harun Al-Raschid." There is in the latter a remembrance, a stirring of recollections. In the lines—

That love
Must needs be in this life and in
what follows
Unchanging and at peace, and it is
right
Every philosopher should praise that
love.

the familiar spirit of Browning seems to linger.

Years have been gracious to Yeats. There is in his work still the shining lyric fire that is a gift of the gods alone. And there is in his lines still the faith, the hope, the truest of idealism that will permit no compromise with cynicism or sentimentality.

SONG AND DANCE—

Foremost, on this list of what you want to see (if you can) and hear (without fail), take a tip on Helen Morgan. She's got a record out by Victor, which gives you "Bill," in Helen's sweetest voice which is the next best thing to seeing her perched in her flaming scarlet gown up on top of the piano in *Show Boat*. Back side up is "Can't Help Loving That Man," also by Helen, which is the other reason why men go wrong.

Follow Thru with another Helen—Miss Kane. When you hear her sing "Button Up Your Overcoat" you'll wish it was winter again. Victor again gives you the pleasure of the audition, with round-trip privileges of "I Want to Be Bad."

The Paul Whiteman (though his supremacy is being threatened by a Yale man, name of Rudy Valle, who's Broadway's latest darling) gives you

two trots for dancing in "Marianne" and "Lover, Come Back to Me." They're from *New Moon*, which is guarantee enough of their scintillation. "Marianne" is my personal poison this month and there's none hotter. This record's a Columbia.

If you want some of that *American Songbag* that everybody's singing, you'll find it in Len and Joe Higgins' singing of "The Old White Mule" and "Slippery Elm Tree." This is

sure-fire antique and it'll get by. Columbia's the gem again.

Classic "moosic" this month means—though did you hear how jazz has invaded the Metropolitan Opera House in "Jonny Spielt Auf"?—the Kreisler-Rachmaninoff rendering of Grieg's Sonata in C Minor. As a duet played by two of the greatest living musicians, this is a rare and beautiful treat. Victor and it'll cost you—\$7.50.

HOW TO MAKE A FRESHMAN UNDERSTAND SOMETHING

1. Tell him you're going to tell him something.
 2. Tell him.
 3. Tell him you've told him.
 4. Summarize what you've said.
 5. Repeat you are going to tell him something.
 6. Repeat that you have told him.
 7. Call a consultation.
 8. Cross-examine him.
 9. Tell him again.
 10. Give him a blueprint.
 11. Wire him.
 12. Telephone him.
 13. Pantomime it.
 14. Let him go ignorant.—*Phi Mu Delta Triangle*.
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Absent Minded Professor (Coming home at night): "Do I hear anyone?"

Burglar (under bed): "No."

Professor: "That's odd; I was positive I heard someone under the bed."—*Arizona Kitty-Kat*.

St. Peter: "Who's there?"

Voice Outside: "It is I."

St. Peter (peevy): "Get outta here; we don't want any more school teachers."—*Arizona Kitty-Kat*.

SIG EPICS

Way down in the Lone Star state Sig Eps feel the fraternal urge and come together for an occasional communion of good spirits. At San Angelo, Texas, two or three hundred miles southwest of Dallas (and in Texas that is only a neighborly distance), six Sig Eps met on the evening of March 18th and indulged themselves in a select banquet in a state in which we have never had a chapter. Those present were L. E. Braberg, Kansas Gamma; Kenneth Bloomberg, Kansas Beta; Ralph Stanaland, Florida, and Raymond Winstead, Clyde Vinson and Flemming Jones of Arkansas Alpha. The business of the meeting consisted of an exchange of college reminiscences and an agreement to work for the establishment of chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon in Southern Methodist University at Dallas and the University of Texas at Austin. The group were unanimous in favoring these two institutions. They have agreed to meeting monthly hereafter for dinner and the evening. So far away from any other chapter this meeting of brothers was an event worthy of note and of great pleasure, so they have reported, to those concerned.

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Eric Spencer Sinkinson, Pennsylvania Epsilon, before coming to America in 1923 as associate professor in the Lehigh University school of mines, held the lecturing chair in chemical technology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London for seven years. He was also a member of several prominent engineering and research societies and holds patents on several mining machinery im-

provements. Graduated from Sheffield University with a B.S. degree in 1910, he took additional degrees from London University and the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain & Ireland. He served as gas analyst in His Majesty's Department of Mines for two years. In 1913 he became a research assistant at Sheffield and in 1914 became a demonstrator in technical analysis in the Imperial College of Science and Technology. Two years later he was occupying the lecture chair. In 1927 he was made assistant professor of ore dressing and fuel technology at Lehigh and placed in charge of the Coxe Mining Laboratory. He is a member of Sigma Xi and has done considerable writing in technical fields.

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Leslie I. Johnstone, Nebraska Alpha,, might well be made an unofficial traveling secretary of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He is constantly on the road, stopping only in cities of some size, his work being that of educating engineering departments of various public service utilities companies to the uses of arsenious compounds as wood preservatives. Johnstone is a research engineer with the Anaconda Copper Mining Company of Butte, Mont., and something of an authority on arsenates and arsenites. Under his own study he has developed methods of applying arsenious products to woods in a manner to preserve them and the result of his findings is passed on to utilities companies who are planning extensions of telephone, telegraph and power lines and interested in assuring a greater life to the poles which support their lines. He was

present for the installation of Missouri Beta at St. Louis and participated in most of the proceedings. His office is in Chicago, 111 West Washington Street, but during the past year he has spent only two months in it.

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Stanley B. Marsh, Nebraska Alpha, is the generalissimo in charge of an army of 400 salesmen, soon to be increased to 600, engaged in interviewing policyholders of fraternal insurance companies and transferring the outstanding insurance to the old-line basis. He is temporarily located in Omaha, Nebraska, but in the six years he has been in this business has seldom lived in one city longer than six months. His present assignment is that of interviewing by the medium of his representatives 170,000 members of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Association and securing the readjustment of \$250,000,000 of life insurance. He is a musician of unusual ability, a former student of piano at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and also studied pipe organ under Clarence Eddy, dean of American pipe organists, at Chicago. He holds the unique position of having graduated from the University of Nebraska with a scholastic average for his four years in excess of ninety-four, and earned his his way through school.

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While some chapters are negligent in submitting chapter letters required of them it is of interest to a harrassed editor to note that Kappa Phi fraternity, a local at Wittenberg which would like to revive our late lamented Ohio Beta chapter, sent in a chapter letter for publication promptly on the date of our dead-line. This shows promise. At any rate, they know how to win the heart of a lowly editor. Ohio Beta was chartered in March, 1905, just about a month after

Ohio Alpha was installed at Ohio Northern. The charter was withdrawn a year and a half after its issuance. We were the sixth fraternity to enter Wittenberg, which was founded in 1845, being preceded by Phi Delta Theta in 1852, Phi Kappa Psi, 1866, Beta Theta Pi, 1867, Alpha Tau Omega, 1883, and Phi Gamma Delta, 1884. Phi Delta Theta withdrew in 1852. A number of Greek-letter organizations have entered since our withdrawal, mostly sororities.

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Fred E. Portz, Pennsylvania Epsilon, has recently been elected president of the board of education of Kearny, New Jersey, charged with the responsibility of administering a budget of \$833,209.35. He has previously served two years on the board. He graduated from the Kearny high school in 1912 and in 1917 was graduated from Lehigh University with the degree of civil engineer. At Lehigh he became a member of Pennsylvania Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. He served with an engineers' corps during the war, was one of the organizers of the American Legion post in his city and served his fifth term as finance officer of the Legion, department of New Jersey. He has served on the Kearny zoning board of appeals and is a member of the New York junior board of trade as well as of the Lehigh University alumni association of New York.

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The 198th coast artillery, anti-aircraft, the only regiment of national guard in the state of Delaware, has a number of Delaware Alpha Sig Eps including Lieutenant-Colonel Robert M. Carswell, who is also a captain in the regular army; Captain Samuel P. Maroney, adjutant of the first battalion staff; and Captain Paul R. Rinard, head of a battery which last year won a plaque offered for the

most accurate anti-aircraft fire with French 75mm. guns and also a cup for efficiency in qualification with the pistol. Captain Thomas McD. Cloward was head of the unit before Rinard took command. He is now in the wilds of Guatemala raising fruit and hunting mountain lions and boas. In the same regiment there are several Sig Ep non-commissioned officers including First Sergeant Marshall Manns, a member of the coveted "The President's Hundred," selected from 1,600 picked riflemen.

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Past Grand President A. P. Dippold, who is Sigma Phi Epsilon's architectural advisor, has been recently honored with the presidency of the South Side Architects' Society of Chicago which includes all architects on the noted "south side" of the city that has made artillery famous. The objects of the society are to promote better relations between architects; to be guarded by a code of ethics; to stabilize fees; to have a clearing house for the exchange of ideas; and to provide arrangements for the temporary transfer of draftsmen from offices not so busy to other offices in need of extra efficient help during emergency periods; to have a financing and promotional bureau for contemplated building projects and other useful features. The society has been but recently organized and Brother Dippold becomes its first president. He also maintains an active interest in various other architectural societies.

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Austin C. Smith, Arkansas Alpha, who is connected with the Bankers Trust Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, has recently been elected president of the Little Rock chapter of the American Institute of Banking. Smith, who has been a member of the chapter for the last three years, has completed five standard courses offered by the institute and received

his certificate of graduation in June, 1928. Recently he was selected to represent the Little Rock organization in the district public speaking contest which will be held under the auspices of the institute at Dallas, May 11. The winner in the district contest will be sent to the national convention at Tulsa, Okla., to compete in the national contest which will be held sometime during the meeting from June 10 to 14. Smith was also selected to represent the chapter at the national convention.

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Apparently the best that Delaware Alpha could do in swimming this last year was to garner ten out of the twelve letters issued to the squad. With Captain Alec Taylor, W. Reybold, E. Reese, W. Brown, H. Maier, L. Lattomus, M. Smyth as splashers and A. Rose, manager, W. Tindal, assistant manager, and R. Fulling, freshman manager, the Delaware mermen scored defeats over such formidable opposition as Lafayette, Lehigh, Virginia, William and Mary, Johns Hopkins, Franklin and Marshall and Temple University. In basketball Delaware Alpha also had nine out of the twelve men on the squad in the persons of Captain-elect Barton, Benson, Roman, Orth, Lecarpentier, Roger Holt, Green and two pledges, and Rinard is the manager-elect. Only Roger Holt of this group will not be back next year.

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Frank N. Bryant, Ohio Alpha, head of the department of business mathematics at Syracuse University, has been recently appointed director of admissions of that university, an office that of recent years has greatly extended its scope due to the widening territory from which Syracuse is drawing its students. Professor Bryant is a graduate of Ohio Northern University in the class of 1909. He did post-graduate work at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin and received his master's degree from Washington State College in which he was professor of mathematics and civil engineering for eight years before going to Syracuse. In addition to his membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon he is a member of several honorary business and mathematical societies and Phi Kappa Phi.

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Cornelius A. Tilghman, Delaware Alpha, our sole Rhodes Scholar now at Oxford University, has recently returned to Balliol College at Oxford after a tour of Germany. With only a few weeks of work left, he is looking forward to his return to the United States after three years in the noted English university during which time he took the Oxford bachelor of arts degree. He also holds the same degree from the University of Delaware and has done work toward his master's degree at Yale. Upon his return he will either take up teaching of literature or will go into journalism in which he has had previous experience. This last year he has been a free-lance student following his own interests and has found it the most enjoyable of his Oxford experience.

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A. R. Ross, West Virginia Beta, '09, is a resident of St. Louis where he is a civil engineer engaged in bridge building. He is at present approaching the end of the construction of a bridge costing 52,500,000 over the Mississippi River near St. Louis. When Grand Secretary Phillips was in St. Louis for the Missouri Beta installation Ross lost no time in hot-footing it around to see our rotund Grand Secretary and was tickled pink for an opportunity to renew acquaintances with a brother whom he knew so well twenty years ago. He has three boys, one of whom he expects to make a Sig Ep within two more years.

A. L. Franzke, Wisconsin Alpha, professor of public speaking at Lawrence College, has recently completed a three weeks' debate tour of the Pacific Coast, during which he looked after the three undergraduates who represented Lawrence College in verbal athletics. Incidentally, two of the three debaters were Sig Eps, William Morton and Robert Beggs. Franzke will be remembered by those who attended the Seattle Conclave as one of the speakers who made of the discussion on fraternity ideals the inspiring event of the convention. He taught in the University of Washington summer school last summer.

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Pennsylvania Delta on May 10th and 11th will celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday. And how it will be celebrated! The alumni of that chapter have been months in making plans for a jubilee that, it is thought, will bring back for a reunion most of the men who have been members of that chapter. An energetic and determined campaign has been carried on to acquaint all members of the chapter with the program of events and an invitation has been extended to any members of other chapters who may be accessible to join in the festivities in Philadelphia the second week in May.

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Porter H. Brace, Colorado Alpha, has devised and operated a still both unique and police-proof. The spirits distilled by Brace's still are the derivatives of steel, in which an electric furnace, or still, driven off and isolated them for study. He has also discovered elements which compounded with steel cause one piece of metal to thrust another away from it. Indeed, one piece of the metal will keep another suspended in the air above it by its coercive repulsion. Brother Brace has done this work in the Westinghouse research laboratories at Pittsburgh.

When Kappa Phi fraterniay, a local at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, with ambitions of reviving our defunct Ohio Beta chapter, recently tendered a dance in honor of neighboring chapters of our fraternity representatives were present from Ohio Alpha, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Epsilon, and Indiana Alpha. Brothers Drury, Silbough, Fleckner, Wood, Thomas, and Hauck were present from Ohio Alpha; Reaker, Lashly, Cockrell and Isaacs from Ohio Gamma; Sears from Ohio Epsilon and Montgomery and Shell from Ohio Epsilon. That looks like good salesmanship on the part of Kappa Phi.

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If there isn't a Sig Ep printer in Detroit it is too bad. The Detroit Alumni chapter has recently published an elaborate directory of the members of its organization and of Michigan Alpha alumni that should have been printed by a Sig Ep. And the active chapter at Ann Arbor has also put out a handsome brochure relating to the chapter and the University of Michigan for distribution to alumni and prospective Sig Eps that should likewise have gone to this printer that we should have in Detroit.

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Payson D. Marshall, Nebraska Alpha, will on April 15th resign his position as chief of the Nebraska state bureau of banking after having held that position for the past three years. Prior to that time he served as a bank examiner and as a bank officer. He is resigning his post to assume an executive position in the bond department of the First Trust Company of Lincoln, Nebraska, the strongest trust company in the state. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska school of law.

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William M. Paiseley, Arkansas Alpha, who has been a resident of New York City for the last few years

in the employ of the United Fruit Company, on March first changed his address. He was snatched from the city of bustle to the city of beans and is now residing at Room 646, 316 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass., still in the employ of the United Fruit Company but now engaged as assistant in the personnel research section of the general employment department.

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Ralph D. Noe, New Hampshire Alpha, is engaged in accounting and auditing, having his office at Huntington, Pa., in the heart of the Pennsylvania coal and industrial district. As such his work has been largely concentrated on audits for coal companies, foundry and machine shops, silk mills, quarries and manufacturers. Prior to entering public accounting work about ten years ago he was connected with the Penn Bituminous Casualty Company.

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The following are Vermont Alpha's only captains of sports for the year 1928-29: Clarence O'Donnell, football and basketball; Everett Waining, acting captain of hockey; Alton Hourin, baseball; and Arnld Wiggin, track. Of these Hourin holds the almost-inconceivable record of being a five-letter man with varsity letters in football, baseball, basketball, hockey and wrestling. He is competing in track this year in the high jump and it is possible that he may add a sixth letter.

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If you have been following sports at all you know that Henry Canby of Iowa has set many tongues babbling, to say nothing of sports pencils scribbling, with his remarkable vaulting. Did you know he was a Sig Ep? Yep. Iowa Alpha, transferred to the University of Iowa where he is now taking dentistry. Look for him in the Big Ten meets. He is the sensation of this year,—at least in indoor track.

When the twentieth annual banquet of District of Columbia Alpha was held last March, Grand Secretary Phillips was in attendance. And why mention the fact? Well, chiefly because Billy Phillips holds the record of having never missed a banquet of this chapter. He has now attended so many that he is zealous to guard his record and nothing save a confining illness could now keep him away.

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Joe Harry Lapis, District of Columbia Alpha, has taken up the architectural practice in Washington. He has recently become associated with Horace W. Peaslee at 1228 Connecticut Avenue, marking a return to his former haunts established in undergraduate days. He is a graduate of George Washington University at Washington and also studied at Ecole des Beaux Arts at Fontainebleau, France.

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James Croushore, Michigan Alpha, who received his M. D. degree from the Michigan medical school in 1923, took a special course in 1928 in eye, ear, nose and throat work, receiving another degree not disclosed to us. His friends and his trips to California, New England, Virginia and Texas convinced him that there were more and worse tonsils in Detroit than anywhere else, wherefore he can now be found at 460 Fisher Building.

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Paul C. Smith, Iowa Gamma, took charge of the Milford, Iowa, Mail on April 1 followed the purchase of the paper by W. G. Smith & Sons of Rock Rapids. Smith was recently publisher of the News at George, Iowa, and later business manager of the Rock Rapids Review, both papers owned by W. C. Smith & Sons.

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If you must "ask the man who

owns one" ask James Marks, Michigan Alpha, '08. As purchasing agent for Packard, he is not only familiar with the operations of that famous product, but knows the stuff from which it is made. Last year he gave the Detroit Alumni chapter a very interesting talk surveying business conditions at that time. His hobbies are yachts and rugs.

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Herman F. Smith, Wisconsin Alpha, director of Milwaukee public school music, has just been elected president of the North Central Music Supervisor's Conference which includes ten states and the province of Ontario, Canada. His election took place at a convention held in Milwaukee, Wis., about the middle of April which was largely attended by music supervisors over the district.

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The recent interest in stocks and bonds has not served to lighten the onerous duties of Charles Howard Donnelly, Michigan Alpha, '20, for as vice-president of the Detroit firm of Joel Stockard and Company he has been kept very busy. His present title is indicative of his upward trend.

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The Waverly, Iowa, Independent-Republican, of which Leslie G. Moeller, Iowa Gamma, is managing editor, recently was selected as one of the ninety-nine best weekly newspapers in the United States by the school of journalism at the University of Illinois.

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Kermit McFarland, Iowa Gamma, is now with the Harrisburg Patriot at Harrisburg, Penn., as political writer covering the state capitol. McFarland while taking his journalistic work at the University of Iowa was on the Daily Iowan and later sports editor of the Iowa City Press-Citizen.

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✓ It is a satisfaction to fraternity officials to note the veering sentiment on hell week activities. Chapter after chapter announces the abandonment of the former barbarous practices and while some chapters still mention with juvenile glee the discomforts they have wrought upon their fledglings it is evident that a sound and more mature attitude toward mock initiations is taking effect.

There were those, mostly fraternity critics, who were loud in their assertions that the fraternities did not care to correct these abuses and that if they did the chapters would continue to do as they pleased. Without attempting to dictate, but only advise in these matters, Sigma Phi Epsilon has taken cognizance of the problem and it is gratifying to note the response that is being given the Executive Committee in its recommendation that hell week be abolished. With scholarship on the up grade, with hell week abandoned, the grounds for anti-fraternity attacks are growing scarce. ✓



From the chapter publication of New York Beta we learn that our Cornell chapter has foregone participation in junior week parties, frankly ascribing as the reason that the expense is too heavy. Our hat is off to New York Beta for its sensible and courageous stand. The cost of social events, or social life, on the campus has run wild. Parties must be "bigger and better" or they are considered failures. And what does it all amount to ten days after the party is over? Who remembers the costly imported orchestra, the unusual novelties and attractive decorations except those who are footing the bills?

Next to a sane intellectual life, there is nothing more needed on the campus today than a sane mode of living. It is ridiculous for young men and women to live in a degree of luxury which but few have enjoyed before going to college and which but few can enjoy for a good many years out of college. But the really tragic aspect of the thing is the burden that is cast on the parents of so many who strive to keep up appearances they can ill afford. If more chapters will follow New York Beta's lead in withdrawing from senseless social competition it would be a boon to numbers of parents of modest means. The next field for retrenchment is in fraternity houses where the mad race to build the largest and most imposing house on the campus places other heavy burdens. Excessive expenditures will not bring one a better education. To the contrary, it usually results in an inferior education. Fraternities as leaders in campus life, have the responsibility of sponsoring a sane mode of living in college and in proportion as they assume

that responsibility will they receive the plaudits and approbation of college authorities and public alike.



We extend a word of solace to the chapter which feels the need of a new chapter home but is unable to procure it. The argument is not all one way. Even fine houses are not free from detracting circumstances and poor houses need not be an unmitigated liability.

There is, or should be, a time to build a new chapter house in the experience of every chapter. But it is only after the chapter, by frugality and careful operation for a period of years, has earned sufficient money to finance a new home. Until that time arrives the quality of its membership need not be impaired, the camaraderie of the house in any wise lessened or its honors on the campus diminished. It is true that it will lose a good many rushees in the scramble for new members but these will largely be the lads who are entering college for the social life it promises.

A chapter with surpassing scholarship and a reasonable share in the campus honors can continue to pledge the more substantial matriculants irrespective of its house. For it has an argument to place before the parents of rushees that will win the support of the folks back home and is appealing to the type of rushee we desire. Such a chapter needs use a "sales argument" somewhat different than the chapter in the palatial home but it can be made equally effective.

The big house has its liabilities. Usually it is too big—and the population within it so numerous that it is reminiscent of a mad-house. It is expensive and the assessments must be high to carry it. It also calls for more social activity—already overdone in most chapters. The envious chapter need not feel greatly chagrined. Let it plod along its way, accumulating its fund and in proper time build a modest house that will serve its needs and not be a burden to it. Fine scholastic work is the solution of the problem—for it brings with it successful operation in all fields.



At the last meeting of the Interfraternity Conference, Arthur R. Priest, Executive Secretary of Phi Delta Theta, made the important declaration that "Fraternities can become a potent ally of the college in cultivation of good taste and the quiet graces of a gentleman."

Particularizing as to the manner in which its members may be impressed Dean Priest suggested that chapter houses be in good architectural taste with a quiet dignity that will "help mould the lives of the men who cross its threshold;" that it contain a display of good taste in interior decoration and furnishings; that the rooms be clean and orderly and that conduct within the house be governed by canons of good taste. He mentioned the problem of returning alumni whose hip flask drives good taste out of the door, and urged that due care be exercised to see that decency and order prevail, stating that "men, left alone, easily revert."

What a world of truth! After all it is our purpose to turn out men with the quiet graces of a gentleman. Can they be better taught than by example? Living four years in an atmosphere of good taste, participating in the intellectual preoccupations of cultured gentlemen—here is a picture to inspire one who wonders what the fraternity can do for its members.

EXCOGITATIONS f YE ED



We have with us this evening—as the toastmasters are wont to say—Charles W. McKenzie, New Hampshire Alpha, patron saint of the newly-established Missouri Beta chapter at Washington University and a Sig Ep whose fraternal virtues should be heralded throughout the fraternity.

Seattle Conclave attendants will remember him as the delegate from the St. Louis Alumni Chapter who drove all the way from the Atlantic coast (via North Carolina and Southern California) to take a most active part in the deliberations of the Fourteenth Conclave. They will remember him also as a member of the scholarship committee of the fraternity and as the leader of some of the most inspiring discussions that took place during the Seattle Conclave. But still they don't fully know or appreciate this 18-carat Sig Ep who is doing such a valuable work within his fraternity.

I first met Mac in his native habitat at Dartmouth many years ago. I had penetrated darkest New England in an adventure in chapter inspection and had arrived at Daniel Webster's alma mater (so everyone I met immediately informed me). A number of the active members mentioned McKenzie as their advisor and I was eventually led to the graduate club where I was introduced to a handsome fellow who spoke Bostonese fluently and evidenced an inspiring interest in his fraternity. You have guessed it. It was McKenzie. We had a good visit and I left with loads of admiration and liking for this talented son of Dartmouth. He was then working for his master's degree in political science. He continued in

close touch with his chapter as long as he remained in Hanover but of course lost contact when he went to Columbia University to work for his Ph.D. I kept in touch with him by correspondence and the products of his pen not infrequently adorned the pages of the JOURNAL.

After his period at Columbia he went to Washington University at St. Louis as an instructor in political science. The next year he became a professor. Immediately upon his arrival in St. Louis he began searching for Sig Ep contacts and before long had organized a small alumni association. The organization kept functioning, more and more members were discovered and before long it was a large and flourishing association. The organization early determined to secure a chapter in Washington University. They surveyed the field and selected Psi Delta as a fitting local. The association was transformed into an alumni chapter and McKenzie, as chapter delegate attended the Seattle Conclave, taking with him a representative of the local to plead its cause.

The installation of Missouri Beta is a tribute to the indefatigable labors and untiring interest of Charley McKenzie—and St. Louis Sig Eps are quick to give him credit. He has been an exceptional worker with the fraternity. He has been actuated by the highest of ideals. He is an academician who has not grown academic. It was altogether fitting at the banquet that the newly installed chapter should pay tribute to him as it did in its presentation of a gift in token of the work he has done in its behalf.

There are but few McKenzies. If there were and we could assign one or two of them to the supervision of each of our active chapters we should have no such thing as a fraternity problem anywhere. It is doubtful if Missouri Beta, grateful as it is to him for the benefits he has brought it, fully appreciates his value to the chapter. If Washington University is so fortunate as to keep him upon its faculty the alumni of the chapter a few years later will begin to appreciate the fine influence this splendid Sig Ep is casting over the chapter and will consider themselves most fortunate. Here is one Scotchman who, in his expenditure of time and money, has violated all traditions of Scotch parsimony and will never be forgotten for the generosity he has shown this group of lads who are now numbered as his brothers in the bond.

A toast, gentlemen, to Charles W. McKenzie. May he enjoy in equal degree the happiness he has brought to those who have been associated with him in the work of the fraternity.

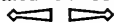


Elsewhere in this issue you will find Former Traveling Secretary Freeark's article entitled "How Yuh Gonna Make 'Em Study?" and its earnest perusal is recommended. Fearing that our former talented T. S. has not made himself altogether clear on one matter and knowing his attitude both by correspondence and personal conference and discussions I hasten to make one explanation.

His argument is not against high grades that bring with them Phi Beta Kappa elections—as one hastily reading his article might assume. His thesis is that the point of entrance in the student's scholastic scheme is to stir his interest in the subjects carried by orienting the student to his work, by visualizing the place of his particular work in his future experience.

It is useless to dangle the phantom P. B. K. key before his eyes, argues Freeark, for that holds little allure to most students. This being true, forget P. B. K. and let its elections fall where they may, stressing only the value and relation of the particular subject to the student's individual problem. This, he believes, will meet the prime essential of arousing interest and interest is the *sine qua non* of good work. With which we are all in accord.

In his suggestions that setting up rules and regulations constituting a scholastic discipline is folly the fraternity does not concur, having adopted such regulations after careful study of the subject. But we are none the less pleased to publish an intelligent article dealing with the subject and it is offered in the belief that there is much of value in the rationale of the Freeark doctrine, if it may be so termed. Incidentally, let it be remarked that our very capable T. S. of other days never allows his interest in things fraternal to wane and he continues to bubble over with ideas of value in the work. If you are in doubt that he can put them on paper in attractive manner, read his article in this issue and be convinced.



The board of curators of the University of Missouri have recently discharged a professor of psychology and suspended for a year the head of the department of psychology because the former circulated among the Missouri students a questionnaire designed to elicit information as to the attitude and reaction of students toward various sex problems. The enlightened curators of the university expressed themselves as believing that the inquiry of the psychology department tended to establish a "surrounding moral atmosphere" not "sane and wholesome" and that there was no "justification for an inquiry that from

its very nature could not produce any scientifically valid conclusions, nor any facts likely to be of substantial value." Wherefore, the guillotine and the lifting of two academic heads.

No, the board of curators of the University of Missouri have not been resurrected from the dark ages. They are just average persons, presumably, holding office by virtue of the preferments of politics. They are receiving the commendation of their fellows for their courageous, moral stand in protecting the young manhood and womanhood of their state university from a moral taint thrown upon the school by the lecheries of the guilty professors. And now that these moral lepers have been heaved out of the faculty the minds of the Missouri students will contain nothing but lofty and Puritanical thoughts and chastity and its incidents will no longer be discussed outside of, say, the medical school.

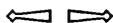
Isn't it lovely that at a single blow the morals of the Missouri students can be so safeguarded! And isn't it unfortunate that the Missouri students had thrown upon them the stigma of having considered sex problems under the stimulus of basely immoral questionnaires sponsored by the faculty!

One is given to wonder what manner of individuals these curators are who suppose that a psychology professor, by his casual inquiries or otherwise, could teach the average college man or woman anything in the realm of sex. The movies, the best sellers, the sex hygiene libraries, the current dirt, have inevitably informed every boy and girl of the year 1929 in a manner no psychology prof of the vintage of 1919 or before could hope to equal. And his questionnaire seeking the reaction of the student toward chastity or its lack on the part of the contemplated mates couldn't hold much suggestion in competition with the latest novel and last night's movie.

The board of curators may not think such inquiries lead to any "scientifically valid conclusions" but one is prompted to wonder if some of these gentlemen, so fearful of the effect upon the student, may not be impelled by fear of learning that there is a small fraction of the students who would refuse to marry another who had been unchaste. We don't know that such a finding would have resulted. We do know that the trend is in that direction and that young men and young women find it easier to forgive departures from chastity than certain other deficiencies in their mates. The point is—and my quarrel with the curators is, in addition to infringement upon academic freedom, that I should like to know the results of such an inquiry—that there would have been some scientifically valid conclusions, if the attitude of the human mind toward any question is a matter of science. Anyway, these professors of psychology—and both are gentlemen of distinguished standing in that field—are in a far better position to evaluate the merits of that question than the honorable board of curators.

If the curators were really as much interested in taking the offending questionnaire out of the realm of discussion as they were in making a public record and bidding for the cheap commendation of unintelligent people they would have quietly had the questionnaires recalled and the subject dropped. Little more would have been thought of it. But witnesseth: the two professors had been beheaded just at the time we were engaged with the installation of Missouri Beta and the chief matter of comment was the case in question and the various questions propounded by the questionnaire. Under stimulus of curatorial ban, the questionnaire had been printed and broadcast by the thousands of copies for examination and study from frankly salacious mo-

tives. As a result of the action of the curators, a Missourian of any age or standing may now in good form discuss with even a stranger the question of chastity in one's contemplated mate and be considered as regular, as one-hundred-percenterish as in the discussion of such absolutely approved topics as prohibition, the return of Jack Dempsey and the future of General Motors.



With spring a number of things come on including a more or less prevalent desire on the part of the fraternity man to induce some co-ed to wear his fraternity badge. It has been done and it is being done—if in doubt turn to the chapter letters—but one is sometimes moved to wonder if some boys do not become fraternity members for the purpose, more than any other, of using their badge for entering cheap engagements. Some fraternities forbid the practice of hanging badges, decreeing that only members of the fraternity may wear them. There is probably considerably more careful inquiry concerning our members than the pin hanger gives his average sweetie. The girls who have worn Sigma Phi Epsilon badges are legion. The number of these who have married Sig Eps are probably a small fraction. In the year or two following college most of these college romances blow up, resulting in a returned badge that is just a bit cheapened by its experience. I've seen too many women wearing the Heart who were unworthy of it to take kindly to the idea of farming out pins as the young man's fancy dictates. In lieu of any law against it I submit to the fireside philosophers the question for disposal as the basis for a chapter policy.



Scoop Wilkinson, who writes the edifying and entertaining material

that is published under the name of *Phi Gamma Delta*, after reading of Roy Riegals' nearly-successful attempt to score a touchdown against his own team in the California-Georgia Tech football emboglio New Year's Day at Pasadena, speculates on a movement within Sigma Phi Epsilon to change our badge to a compass, adding, "Anyway, Roy's O. K. and all Greeks are for him." All Sig Eps concur in this last remark and there being nothing else to say as to the other I shall proceed to say it.



I wonder what happened 'Way Down South in Dixie—in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1515 West Cumberland Street, to be exact—when the February issue of the JOURNAL made its appearance and it was found that for the first time in eight years (I believe I have the period correct) Tennessee Alpha was delinquent in sending in a chapter letter. I know there were plenty of Tennessee Alphans who were proud of that record. "You can judge a chapter by the way it attends to chapter business," one of them once said to me, and they not only took the chapter's unfailing regularity in submitting chapter letters as an index of a healthy condition in the chapter but took pride in the fact that no other chapter in the fraternity had nearly so good a record.

I don't know what happened but I'm wondering if they didn't have a sample of hell week in honor of the negligent historian. I wonder if the old family paddle was not dusted off and put to use. Much as I disapprove of swinging a paddle on the nether end of one of our boys, if that practice must be used at all it seems to me it should be exercised in connection—I mean in contact—with a historian who has inexcusably spoiled a good record extending back eight years. Of course I am currying my

own horse. The chapter may have some others to curry.



Not all of the labors of Ye Ed are aridly uninteresting. Today's chuckle arises from reading the chapter letter of Montana Alpha. Join me by turning to the third paragraph of that effusion and note (1) the diplomatic criticism of Ye Ed and (2) a philosophical bow to the possibly inevitable.

With this as a text let me again plead the cause of Ye Harrassed Ed. "Why doesn't our story about our six regulars on the basketball team appear in the JOURNAL?" queries the chagrined historian. I can only answer him thus: that sometimes we receive a wealth of material and matters of lesser moment are crowded out; that sometimes we are short of material and we are glad to use even stories of chapter athletic prowess—something that we aim to avoid as far as possible; that sometimes these stories are set up in type and then have to be withdrawn in the process of fitting together material that will work out in reasonably attractive arrangements; that most all of these things must be used when they are fresh news or they are without value. In brief, let it be said that we hold no brief in favor of any one chapter; that we sincerely desire to give each chapter its full quota of space but that sometimes conditions at the time we go to press do result in chapters being denied space we should like to give them and we are as sorry as they. Don't cuss the editor; he is doing the best he can.



I am in receipt of a copy of the publication of one of our chapters in which are listed the pledges of the year with a short comment on the talents of each. My correspondent, an alumnus of high standing in an-

other chapter, inquires "Since when are the underscored portions a requisite for membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon?" and he underlines, with a red pencil a number of descriptions such as these:

"An excellent swimmer and a shiek with the women."

"... when he isn't reading about aviation he is out looking for a date."

"... is studying law what time he is not out on a date."

"... star basketball player and quite a lady's man."

"... is well-known among the women."

"He certainly isn't any slouch with the women."

"... is quite a basketball star, if he would only leave the women alone ..."

"He is what makes girls leave home."

"He is quite a hit with the girls."

My correspondent remarks that "This chapter should be called and set right." Perhaps so. I choose to think that writer happened to be adoleiscing rather badly just at the time and if he were to read it over at this time would not be so proud of it. The chapter has not been called and these comments will be sufficient as a mild reminder that if they are seeking to reach their alumni through their publication this kind of copy is a perfect example of how not to do it. An alumnus at a distance must inevitably be disgusted with such balderdash. It is unworthy of the chapter and, fortunately, in this particular case, the remainder of the publication was of a distinctly better type of news.

Ye Ed

With the ALUMNI

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI CHAPTER

AT a meeting of the Pennsylvania Delta Alumni chapter, held November 28, 1928, the annual election of officers was held. Frank Huff, Wyndemere Court Apartments, and Charles E. Dagit, 4527 Pine street, Philadelphia, were elected President and Secretary, respectively.

Plans were discussed for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the chapter this spring by holding a large banquet. Ways and means were discussed for obtaining a big attendance at the functions and the proper organization of the alumni chapter.

It was decided to hold an alumni meeting on the first Tuesday of each month to which all Sig Eps in Philadelphia are cordially invited to attend. The meetings are to be held at the chapter house, 3909 Spruce street, at 6:30 p. m.

Subsequent meetings have been held since the above mentioned meeting, which have been very successful in bringing out the alumni and we are very enthusiastic about the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pennsylvania Delta.

CHARLES E. DAGIT.

DENVER ALUMNI CHAPTER

SINCE last September, the Denver Alumni chapter has had a rebirth of activity. We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Denver Athletic Club for luncheon, at which the officers have endeavored to furnish an attractive program, consisting of a prominent speaker and some music. We have a dead-line at which the meeting closes so that the brothers can know beforehand when they can get back to work.

Several innovations in committees have been started. One a position and placement committee, might be worth mentioning. Many of the alumni now hold prominent positions, and through them it is the purpose of this committee to aid in securing jobs for the brothers who have just graduated from college.

The other committees are the usual ones and we are trying to function through the aid of some work by each brother who is on some committee.

On February 14, 1929, we had the honor to present to one of our local chapter alumni, Senator Francis J. Knauss, Colorado Alpha, one of the Past Grand President's badges which the Grand Chapter donated in recognition of Senator Knauss' services as Grand President.

At the meeting, there were thirty alumni. President Henry S. Lindsley presided and Senator Joe Martinez presented Senator Knauss with the badge in a speech which easily demonstrated why Martinez is so prominent in our legislature. Senator Knauss' deep appreciation of the gift was brought home to each of us by his talk.

Among those present at the meeting holding positions of prominence in our community were: Earl Graves, assistant district attorney; George W. Culver, county judge at Fort Collins; Senator Dickerson from Denver; Senator Linninger, also of Denver, and Senators Knauss and Martinez. This is just mentioned in passing to indicate in a meeting of thirty of the brothers, the general run of positions and attainments that have been achieved.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursdays of each month at the Denver Athletic Club and we will be glad to have any visiting brothers attend.

HENRY S. LINDSLEY.

"You are the most beautiful girl I've ever seen. I long to hold you in my arms, to caress you, to kiss your eyes, your hair, your lips—to whisper in your ear 'I love you.'"

"Well, I guess it can be arranged."—Life.

CHAPTER NEWS ARTICLES

FIRST DISTRICT

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

AFTER the strain of mid-years was over, the boys found timely relaxation in the Carnival parties. The affair was a success from start to finish, and for three days and nights sleep was extremely rare. Plenty of snow and ice, a goodly number of the fair sex, and an orchestra that kept things warm despite the elements, left little to be desired. Credit goes to the efficient management of Ben Scales and his able assistant, John Bourmeister.

Interfraternity sports have been claiming a great deal of attention on the campus this winter, and the Sig Eps have been right in there all the time. Our flashy basketball team, Kenney, Crowley, MacDonnell, Beloin, Richardson and Wheaton, crashed through all opposition to win the cup and, incidentally, finished the season without a defeat. The track team, starring the dependable Tom White and Ken Johnes, were just nosed out of first place by half a point. Mike Just was our representative in the swimming finals, and he led the field by a wide margin in his specialty, the breast stroke. At the time of writing, the house stands in second place in the race for the interfraternity cup, awarded for the highest all-round score. The boys are looking forward to a clean-up in baseball, which may be a big factor in deciding the possession of the cup.

One of the busiest men at the house is Joe Linz, '31, who hails from the great open spaces of Texas. He is acting art director on the staff of the Players, and did a fine job in designing the sets for the successful Carnival production "Double Trouble." His Easter vacation was spent with the show, putting on performances in Boston, New York, and other eastern cities. Besides this, he was recently elected to the vice-presidency of his class.

The *Tomahawk*, publication of the Round Table, has added Bill Howe, '30, Yank Boardman, '31, and Otto Bach, '31, to its staff, to assist the three brothers already at work there.

Two new members were recently initiated, Rick Denby, '31, and Ralph A. Burns, a member of the faculty in the department of education. Stan Pitman, '30, was welcomed back into the fold after having been out of school for a semester.

We have an unusually large representation in Kappa Phi Kappa, the educational fraternity, as Archie Crowley, George MacDonnell, Arthur Nighswander, Henry Richardson and Ben Scales have joined Will Wheaton in that organization. Burt Sherwood was recently elected to Cabin and Trail, the inner sanctum of the Dartmouth Outing Club.

At present, plans are being made for the spring house party festivities, scheduled for May 10 and 11. Everything seems to point towards a bang-up affair, so if any Sig Eps are wandering around this part of the country at that time—they might drop in and look things over.

F. J. LEAHY.

VERMONT ALPHA

SPRING finds the same energetic following of Sip Eps ready to compete in the season's sports. Practically everyone in the house is busy with some activity.

Alton Hourin, captain of baseball, promises our opponents some lively combats with many Sig Eps gracing the lineup. Fifteen of the brothers are making a bid for the varsity. Captain Hourin will be catching with our pitching ace, Everett Waining, showing the best promise of victories. Waining was the leading hurler last season. Perhaps we would not be too egotistical to say the best college pitcher in the state. Dante Aimi will do doubt hold down first base, as he has done for the last three years. Last year we had a Sig Ep outfield. We are looking for a repeat but will not promise. Gray Coane will likely cover center field with the other two positions open to be covered by Everett Waining of Joseph Tansey when they are not pitching, and possibly our ex-football captain, Clarence O'Donnell will have a chance at the other garden position. Last season Gray Coane won the cup for the highest batting average. His average was .396. Joseph Tansey,

captain-elect of football, shows promise of a good year as a pitcher and we are looking to him as a strong alternate with Waining. Ethan Ecott is another pitcher whom we expect will see service. You can see with this representation, Vermont Alpha claims five or six men who will be playing regular. Edwin Rodden is assistant manager of baseball.

Next we think of track, a sport which keeps many more Sig Eps in the foreground. Arnold Wiggin, our house president, leads this field as their captain, running the quarter in the best of style. Robert Fuller is his contemporary in that event. Robert Barney, Robert Nason, George Lang and Bruce Caron are making bids for the high jump. Barney was the best in college last year although the others are new men. Frederick Atherton runs the hurdles and Proctor Drugg the 100 and 220. Clarence Bodfish is competing in the 880.

Vermont Alpha feels justly proud of its contribution to sport captains again this year. Our leaders were Clarence O'Donnell, captain of football and basketball; Everett Waining, acting captain of hockey; Alton Hourin, captain of baseball, and Arnold Wiggin, captain of track.

Here is an individual record which should go down in Norwich history of a man who has done wonders in athletics while here at college. A five letter man. Something which is rare in college sports. Alton Hourin is the distinguished gentleman who has won honors in football, baseball, basketball, hockey and wrestling. There is a possibility of his earning a sixth letter in track this spring if he can find the time from his baseball. His track event is the high jump.

This year all three of the student members of the athletic council are Sig Eps. Clarence O'Donnell, Everett Waining and Gray Coane hold this honor as representatives of the three upper classes.

Our senior class contains considerable rank in the military department with two captains, three lieutenants, a sergeant-major and a color sergeant. We believe that future senior classes can keep up this record which is such a credit to the chapter.

Looking forward to commencement week we should like to extend an invitation to members of the alumni to be present. You will be interested to know how the house has been coming along, as well as the old school in general. A big time is in order for all those that can be with us.

ERVING A. FURBUSH.

VERMONT BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

SECOND DISTRICT

NEW YORK ALPHA

WITH the coming of spring the members of New York Alpha turned their attention to a week of spring rushing. Due to the house being not completed for fall rushing the pledge class was not as large as desired, hence this week of concentrated effort for new "blood." That the brothers worked hard is proved by the addition of ten new faces in our midst. Shortly after came a few days of "rough-house" (a very mild procedure this year), and at the end of these trials ten men of the fall class received their Sig Ep hearts. The initiation banquet was held at Drumlins Country Club. The spring pledges look longingly at the new brothers' pins but they, too, will soon be instructed in the rites of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

During the winter months two more men of New York Alpha have been improving their time in earning a block "S." William A. DeFilippo was one of Coach Andreas' "right hand men" on the basketball court and Harvey J. Andrea ran second on the mile relay team. This is Andrea's second letter in the relay, and with the arrival of spring we are expecting him to make good on the cinder track.

William A. Newman, guard on two All-Sig Ep football teams, has turned his attention to lacrosse with excellent chances of making good, and Gordon Carroll is working out daily with the "frosh."

Baseball has called C. Sparks Allen once more, and his chances of being one of the first string pitchers seems very good. William A. DeFilippo has also begun to toss the "apple" around and should make an infield berth. The Sig Eps are represented on the frosh by Alfred Schneider and by I. Patrick Egan, who was a regular forward on the freshman basketball team.

On the crew are Rollin Jones and Gordon E. Holder. Samuel Davies, who was also conceded a very good chance of making good, has been forced to leave school because of his pet jinx, poor health. John R. Rich is rowing in the freshman shell.

Besides Andrea, track has called to George W. Pasco, a dash man, and J. Willard Russell, who is using his cross-country experience as an aid for the distance events. William Kepner, our hope in the high jump, has been defeated by Dan Cupid.

In interfraternity sports the basketball team lost out in the league finals. The bowling league is about to commence and having won this last season, the chances to repeat appear excellent. On top of bowling come outdoor track and baseball. The baseball team seems good, on paper. With hard work and a few smiles of lady luck the cup for the all-round athletic superiority, given by the interfraternity athletic association, should remain on our mantle.

We are now rejoicing with Clyde W. Sorrell, as he received the Alpha Kappa Psi cup for the highest average of the juniors in the college of business administration.

In the literary field Clarence Monroe Iverson is completing the season as associate editor of the *Daily Orange*. Arthur B. Sherrer is one of the assistant associate editors and Lawrence E. Bretch is one of the reporters on the same publication.

Luther Anderson is learning to be a John McGraw as he is a candidate for assistant manager of baseball and is working hard for the position.

With good chances for about ten block "S's" at the annual block "S" banquet added to its activity in other fields, New York Alpha is closing one of its most successful years in the history of the chapter.

A. LEO FOX.

NEW YORK BETA

THE latest craze around the house is ping pong. Somebody invested in some equipment and ever since, the fellows have been getting their recreation playing this fascinating game. No tournament has been held to determine the championship of the house, but the leading contenders for the crown are Norman K. Millard and George H. Scheele.

These two boys are also active in more strenuous sports. Millard is the Tilden of New York Beta. He is playing on the Cornell tennis team and is one of the three best players in the university. Scheele has reported for spring football practice. He will be working out for six weeks getting in trim for next fall.

Arch P. Smith, Jr., is busy these days with his duties as manager of crew. We

are well represented in this sport. Henry E. Fischer, a sophomore, is showing good form and will probably get a seat in the varsity or junior varsity shell. Bernard Falk, Ellsworth Martin, and Robert Wilson are on the freshman squad. Falk and Martin are rowing first boat regularly and Wilson, although handicapped by lack of weight, is showing promise,—fighting hard for a position in the first shell.

Phillips K. Champion, Robert F. Hassell, and John McGowin are on the lacrosse squad. Champion is one of the outstanding players on the team and won his varsity letter in this sport last year. Edwin W. Jamieson is assistant freshman coach. James R. Knipe is working hard on the lacrosse managerial competition.

At the last meeting of the Cornell Athletic Association, Henry B. Williams was named manager of freshman basketball for next year. This position will be nothing new to Williams for he has been acting-manager this season in the absence of the duly chosen manager.

Several men have recently been elected to various honorary societies. Louis D. McDowell has been elected to Tau Beta Pi. Harold B. Zeulke has been rewarded for his faithful work by election to the Cornell Dramatic Club. Edwin W. Jamieson and Phillips K. Champion have been honored by Red Key, junior honorary society.

At a meeting just before the spring vacation, election was had of new officers of the chapter. They are as follows: President, William J. Lowery; vice-president, Phillips K. Champion; secretary, Pierson S. Phelps; guard, Louise D. McDowell; historian, James O. Porter; marshals, Bernard Falk and Ellsworth Martin.

These officers will be installed after the vacation. At the same time Robert F. Hassell will be installed as house manager and Robert L. Smith as assistant manager.

STEPHEN K. BOCK.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

FOR the last six months the members of Pennsylvania Delta have been literally eating and sleeping with the Silver Jubilee idea tucked away in their heads. And now it is just a few weeks until May 11, when alumni and undergraduates are going to bring the chapter's birthday to a grand climax. Hope runs high for having the Grand Chapter officers and the founders of the chapter at the banquet Friday, the tenth day of May. Everyone is anxious to have brothers from other chapters join them in a real Sigma Phi Epsilon celebra-

tion. The Jubilee committee, headed by Llewellyn Dryfoos, has been giving every spare moment and then some to make the week-end go over in a big way and from all appearances it certainly is going to have IT. The alumni have been meeting every Tuesday evening to help things along. They, too, have been doing their best and the active members certainly appreciate it.

Rushing season ended with ten men pledged and everyone satisfied. This year has been an A-1 year for alumni support as shown by their help during rush week and in the preparations for the bigger and better one to come. On the week-end of March 16 initiation was held, followed the next week by the interfraternity ball. Much to the disappointment of Old Gold, Franklin Wolf, Anthony Dressler Herbst and Herman Fischer failed to choose the cigarette in a contest held at the dance.

A recent issue of the *Sig Echo* has been sent out. If any of the alumni have not received one please notify the chapter that a copy may be sent to them.

Since February a number of elections have been held. Edward Lobley was chosen captain of the basketball team; George Fisk, assistant manager of basketball; and Jack Turnbull, assistant manager of swimming. In the chapter, Lemuel Geyer was elected president; Herman Fisher, vice-president; Rod Derr, secretary; John Grey, guard; Joseph Stevens, marshal; George Fisk, marshal; and Stanley Cook, historian.

And don't forget the second week of May. The twenty-fifth birthday calls for a mighty celebration and everything is in order for one.

If by chance some alumni have moved and have not been receiving the letters that have been sent out from time to time, let the boys know and you will be fixed up pronto, for as of old it will be "the more the merrier."

J. STANLEY COOK.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

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PENNSYLVANIA ETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA

THE end of the first semester found the Pennsylvania Theta group of Sigma Phi Epsilon among the first five fraternities in scholastic rating at Carnegie Institute of Technology. Last year the boys were

below the honor group due to a scarlet fever quarantine. At present everyone is putting just a little more effort into his studying so the scholarship cup may be brought to the trophy room of the local chapter.

The house basketball team failed to win the intramural basketball cup. The superb playing of the team in their closing games could not remove the stigma of defeat suffered earlier in the season. We cannot help expressing our admiration for the splendid spirit displayed by the members of the team.

Spring has come and Thomas Daugherty, manager of the varsity tennis team, has issued the call which starts the training period of the school's team. Daugherty has arranged a hard, but interesting, schedule for the team.

The athletic association recently announced the selection of Leon Hartman as manager of the freshman football team for next year. This appointment will enable the incoming freshman to become acquainted with a true Sig Ep.

The school's track team is greatly improved this year with Smith Gealy back in the ranks. Gealy is considered the best broad jumper in the district.

Henry Bunker is successfully adding more activities to his already large list. Bunker has just been bid by Tau Beta Pi.

William Carson, the president of the senior class in the engineering school and also president of the local chapter, is gathering the seniors for their last roll call at Carnegie Tech on commencement day. Robert Wood, Thomas Daugherty, Myron Sherman, Reginald Knutson and Leslie Hanson will also be leaving us this year. Good luck, seniors—we certainly shall miss you.

MALCOLM MORRISON.

DELAWARE ALPHA

CARRYING on the tradition begun with the innovation of swimming at the University of Delaware, the team this year is composed almost entirely of Sigma Phi Epsilons from the Diamond State college. With the exception of one diver and a second rate breast stroker the squad is 100 per cent Sig Ep.

Achieving what is thought to be the finest record in the history of athletics at Delaware, the swimming team went through the past season undefeated, and numbered among other victims, such powerful mermen as Lafayette, Lehigh, University of Virginia, and William and Mary. Decisive victories were also turned

in over Johns Hopkins, Franklin and Marshall College, and Temple University. During the season the team scored a total of 259 points against 165 for their opponents. The relay team, composed of Reybold, Brown, Taylor and Reese, was unbeaten and is able to mark three new records to its credit. In the 50-yard event Reese and Reybold were stellar performers, sharing first place in all but two meets. Reybold turned in the best time for the season in the fifty when he negotiated the distance in the fine time of twenty-five seconds flat, creating a new record for the Virginia pool in the meet with that institution.

In the back stroke, the team was well fortified with Bill Brown and Larry Lattomus. Brown was undefeated in his specialty and has four new records to his credit for the past season. His best mark for the 150-yard back stroke was made in the William and Mary meet when he covered the distance in one minute forty-eight seconds, creating a new Southern Conference Record as well as a new pool mark. Lattomus often pushed Brown to the limit and was nearly always good for second place. Smith, a new comer this year, showed well in the breast stroke, having several brilliant victories to his credit. Captain Alec Taylor and Maier formed an ideal combination in the 440-yard swim, Taylor finishing the season with but one defeat, and having to his credit a new local record of 5:50, while Maier was nearly always but a few seconds behind the speedy captain. In the 100-yard free-style event, the best bets were Reybold, the star dash man, and Murray, a freshman. Reybold seldom tasted defeat in the century and covered the distance consistently under a minute. To Captain Taylor, however, must go the honors for the best time in this event, as he has a mark of fifty-seven seconds to his credit.

At the conclusion of the season Brother Taylor was re-elected captain for next year. Tindall will be manager and Fulling sophomore manager. Four brothers will be graduated from the school in June, namely, Smith, Maier, Reese and Reybold. However, another strong team is expected next year when Frank Holt will be eligible for swimming. Holt transferred this year from Lafayette College where he was easily the star of that team last year and is one of the best dash men in college ranks. Much is expected from him next year.

Altogether there were nine Sig Eps on the varsity basketball squad of twelve. The season record was seven wins and

eight losses. The basketball team was hard hit by mid-years which caused the ineligibility of several letter men and resulted in a losing streak of several games.

The play of a freshman pledge and Holt and Lecarpentier featured the work of Delaware on the court. Allen Barton was ineligible after mid-years but due to his consistently brilliant play of the preceding two years was elected captain of the team for next year. Barton earned his letter during his freshman and sophomore years and is considered one of the best basketball players that ever wore the Blue and Gold of Delaware.

All of the brothers will be eligible for basketball next year with the exception of Roger Holt. Prospects are unusually bright for a successful season and with Brother Barton at the helm we feel sure that our hopes will be realized.

With the conclusion of winter sports, the members are concentrating on outdoor activities. In baseball we have two freshman pledges playing shortstop and second base respectively on the varsity. Both of these first year men are making fine showings both at bat and in the field and have awakened much favorable comment around school with their fine playing. Simpson is also a candidate for the team.

After captaining Delaware to an undefeated season in swimming Alec Taylor is turning his attention to tennis, of which he is also captain and number one player. Hoffecker, Moran and Ted Lecarpentier are all playing varsity tennis. Rose, Roser, Benson, Lattomus and Brown are members of the track team.

At the recent varsity elections, Alec Taylor was re-elected captain of swimming while Allen Barton received the captaincy of basketball for next year. The chapter expects to enjoy next year the same success that has been with them during the past years, and are looking forward to a banner year at Delaware.

RICHARD I. RINARD.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA

ONE of the greatest honors that can be paid to any athlete was conferred on Marshall (Little Sleepy) Glenn when he was elected to the captaincy of two major sports, namely, football and basketball. In the basketball campaign just finished, he showered great honor upon himself and the fraternity when he was second high individual scorer in the East. He scored 116 field goals and forty-one out of sixty-five from the charity line for a total of 273 points.

While "Little Sleepy" was so affably showing the way on the varsity, Coach "Big Sleepy" Glenn was leading his freshmen proteges to a very successful season. Two preps upheld the honor of the old fraternity on the plebe team.

In wrestling we again had our goodly share. The team coached by Steve Harrick was one of the best in the East, disposing of Michigan, Ohio State and Waynesburg. The three heavier divisions, namely, the 165, 175 and the unlimited classes, were well taken care of by Bill Harrick and George and Ted Nixon. Browning looks like a sure bet for manager for that sport next year and Pauley for assistant.

With the inauguration of a new field house, indoor track was introduced with a great deal of success. On Saturday, March 23, the West Virginia indoor games were held in which some 153 athletes representing twenty-seven colleges, participated. The greatest feature of the entire program was when a prep led the field in the mile run, breasting the tape ahead of Hickey of N. Y. U., the I. C. A. A. A. champion. Noel is manager of track and Echold a candidate for assistant.

In baseball, West Virginia Beta is also holding their own with Steve Harrick as assistant coach and Bill Harrick as captain and patrolman of the left garden. Haden is an assistant manager, and a prep a candidate for assistant.

On Tuesday, February 5, the new officers were elected. Bruce Davis was elected to succeed Meyer as president, and the other officers were elected as follows: William Schweitzer, vice-president; James Johnson, treasurer; Harold Ridenour, secretary; Charles H. Haden, historian; James Johnson, guard; Delbert Noel and George Gans, marshals.

On February 10, our formal winter initiation was held. At this time seven new brothers were introduced into the secrets of the fraternity and won the right to wear the sacred heart. Those initiated were John B. Wallace, Frank Pauley, Charles Darr, John H. Echold, Walter M. Applegate, George Hand and Forbes Heihle.

Our big spring formal will again probably be held at the Fairmont Country Club about June 6.

CHARLES H. HADEN.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

THE little old house on the hill is pretty well snowed under tonight, for a good six inches of snow has fallen since noon, and with the thermometer flirting with

zero day after day we seem to be experiencing one of the pleasantest blizzards Ann Arbor has ever known. This kind of weather has caused our activities to be confined to the interior of the chapter house and to that we turn our attention.

With the advent of the second semester and the installation of the new officers Michigan Alpha must now look to the future. But sad to say the future appears none too bright. The rumor has been spread about that the university authorities are going to place deferred rushing in effect next fall—making it impossible for fraternities to rush and pledge until after the first semester. If this is true, and with the loss of many seniors by graduation the chapter is in the midst of a serious situation. The true nature of the condition is not appreciated until it is realized that at least fifteen good new men must be pledged before the closing of the school year in June in order to tide the fraternity over the period of inactivity imposed upon it by the university. And that is the most important internal problem facing the members this ensuing semester.

The election of new officers was held at the regular meeting February 18 and they were installed just following the initiation on Saturday, February 23. The new officers are as follows: President, Ralph Rohrbach; vice-president, Joseph Sullivan; secretary, William Weichsel; historian, John Groves; guard, James Rhines; marshals, Edward Weimman and Joseph Naylor.

Following the initiation and installation of officers, which was attended by many alumni, the members attended the Iowa-Michigan basketball game and then returned to the chapter house to an informal banquet served in honor of the new initiates. Sixteen alumni found it convenient for them to return and they were present at both the initiation and banquet. It was certainly a pleasure to have these old graduates back and it is the sincere hope and wish of the entire chapter that more of the alumni will return to visit more often in the future than they have in the past. It is only through a sincere cooperation of both alumni and active members that a fraternity can serve and function to the fullest extent and so a plea is made to all the alumni to the fact that they are always welcome and that the active chapter desires a more intimate and closer contact with those men who have guided the way of the chapter in their day.

Now let us turn to the active brothers

and doings about the house. Harold Hager has been our lone representative on the varsity teams this year. He is a member of the wrestling team and has come through the season very well considering the fact that the coach has had him wrestling in any number of divisions, from heavyweight to the 172-pound class. At that he has registered a fall and two wins via the time advantage route.

Glenn Tague, our geologist (really he is—an assistant instructor anyway), has done himself proud. Not only is he working in the geology department sixteen hours a week but he is going to school and getting his degree in geology besides representing the chapter by being assistant hockey manager. He seems the logical candidate for the regular berth next year as he is the only man the coach has taken on any trips.

Joseph Sullivan is another man doing creditable work. In the first place he is the new vice-president and is really working hard in that capacity. More than that, he is out for an assistant track managership and is certainly kept busy there. Sullivan is also one of the best students in the house.

Leon Lyle, Dowagiacs representative, has been around also. He got himself on the sophomore prom committee—another politician but not one of the Indiana type though.

Donald Kline, the former writer of this column, has now turned his entire time and journalistic ability to the Michigan Daily office. He is a night editor and really making money, it seems. No wonder these newspaper men are always so peppy. Just look at the money they pull down.

William Thielman is minor sports manager and he says that he spends an awful lot of time on this job but most of his time is really spent at the Sigma Kappa house.

And now to turn to athletic activities of the house. The basketball team is the only team so far to survive the mauling given by other fraternities. At the present time they have carried through the first four meets and landed in the semi-finals. The hope around the house is that they can continue their winning streak and end up victors. It is a little early to speak about baseball but on the basis of past performances it seems as though the team ought to get farther this year. Last year the team traveled to the semi-finals and then stumbled. This spring the same men are coming back and with the addition of several of the new men who have been

noted for their ability along that line, it surely is reasonable to presume that they ought to move along in fine style. Speaking of handball, the team representing the house is made up of the most active boys. They have won their first meet and seem inclined to go on further; but other fraternities have something to say here. In volleyball the house didn't fare so well. A team was sent out but it seems that they would rather play basketball or football. At any rate, they lost their first game and so were eliminated, but only after giving their opponents a slight roughing.

There has been much discussion prevalent among the brothers in favor of cutting probation week down from an entire week to two or three days of intensive activities on the part of the pledges. It appears that probation week is as great a strain on the active members as it is upon the neophytes. In fact, it is contended by many that they lose more study than the pledges themselves, and since the universal movement today seems to be in that direction it would be none too radical to assert here that within a short space of time Michigan Alpha will have reduced her probation period to several days, not more than three at the most.

It is altogether fitting and proper at this point that some mention should be made as to the chapter's scholastic standing. In the fall of 1927 when school commenced, Michigan Alpha stood thirteenth in the list of some seventy fraternities on the campus in regard to scholarship. This must have caused the brothers to relax for when the melee ended in June of 1928 the chapter found itself holding down forty-ninth place! Well, when once again the studies were resumed in the fall of 1928 the brothers decided to become scholarly and so adopted the plan of scholarship outlined by the fraternity at the conclave. This time the brothers were serious and this February when examinations were finally over Michigan Alpha had again asserted her place and today stands twenty-first in the same column of seventy fraternities. However, our pledges didn't do so well, in fact they were very poor, only five out of twelve made the grades required for initiation. And so, with the outset of the second semester, a study hall was established, in the den, and was made compulsory for all freshmen who failed to make their grades. The boys must be there five nights a week, and it really is accomplishing a very good thing. In fact, the environment is so good that several of the brothers have been going down to do their work and they say that

they get more done there than in their rooms. All in all it has proven to be of far greater success than anyone had anticipated. It is well nigh impossible for the poor students to be excused. One absence means a severe tubbing, two absences means study on Friday night when everyone else is free and a tubbing to go with it, and with three unexcused absences the pledge's pin is lifted. These are drastic measures but something must be done to make the pledges wake up to their sense of duty and if this system will do that then more power to the system and stricted enforcement.

Along the line of the scholarship rule adopted by the Conclave, the chapter has gone on record as being very favorable to it. In fact, it has been decided that if any brother falls below the necessary average he shall be made to attend the study hall under the same conditions as apply to the pledges. This seems unlikely to have to be done since the result of the past semester showed that every active brother was well above the average required for graduation. Not a single brother fell below the "C" average.

JOHN H. GROGES.

THIRD DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA

THIS being written at the last of the spring vacation, the chapter is enjoying its first period of quiet since the beginning of the second semester. A glance at the successive events will disclose the reason for the hyper-activity.

Immediately after the siege of mid-term examinations came the short rushing season, and every effort was bent toward the entertaining of the new freshmen.

As soon as possible, "hell week" for the first semester pledges was arranged, and formal initiation was held on February 16.

On February 22 there was the mid-winter convocation. At this time, Willey and Hyde graduated. The chapter regrets the loss of these two men. Willey has been a most efficient house manager, and Hyde a true guiding hand in the affairs of the chapter.

The inauguration of the President of the United States was upon us quickly and the chapter house was the headquarters of many visiting brothers and friends. The house was crowded and many were coming in to visit at all times. The mem-

bers of District of Columbia Alpha have many opportunities to meet and get acquainted with these other brothers and thus get a fuller appreciation of the men from other chapters.

On March 17, the twentieth annual installation banquet was held at the National Press Club. Four charter members of District of Columbia Alpha, Uncle Billy Phillips, and about one hundred alumni, active, and visiting brothers, were present. The food was very good, the toasts and speeches were excellent, and over all hung that real fraternal atmosphere that literally blessed the evening and made it a most enjoyable and inspiring event.

The interfraternity prom, dance extraordinary, occurred on March 22. Nearly all the brothers were present with their girls and the Sig Ep box was filled.

Now that we have come to spring vacation we feel that we deserve a rest.

Interfraternity sports continue; the brothers enjoy the participation and seek the relaxation that they afford. Noticing that most chapter letters are composed in the main part of an enumeration of interfraternity sports, and believing that most readers skip that part, this historian is not listing them.

Another Sig Ep has been added to the faculty of the university, in the person of Ben Cruickshanks, professor of engineering.

C. OSCAR BERRY.

VIRGINIA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

VIRGINIA DELTA

WITH the opening of the second semester, Virginia Delta was still maintaining its position second to none on the William and Mary campus. Of our pledges, none were initiated before the first of April and as many more will become brothers within the next two months. All these men are engaged in several activities and are among the leaders in the two lower classes.

Virginia Delta fared exceptionally well in the mid-year elections to honorary and social organizations. John Hosier was our only brother to be honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa. Hosier is a senior and is one of the leading scholars on the campus as well as one of the most outstanding men in activities circles. Omicron Delta Kappa favored us by the election of four of our men to its exclusive membership. The men honored were

Kent, Pattie, Hosier and Sammons. We were the only fraternity on the campus to get more than three men into this organization this year. Kent and Pattie were also chosen as members of the Flat Hat Club, the oldest college organization in existence today. There is scarcely a single member of Virginia Delta who is not connected with some honorary or social organization on the campus.

Class officers also come in for their share of the Virginia Delta boys attention. Hosier is secretary-treasurer of the senior class, while Kent is president of the junior class and Waters is vice-president. Several members mete out justice to refractory freshmen and Kent and Waters perform like functions to cheaters and thieves on the Honor Council.

Quite a few of the men are active in dramatic circles, but of these Welling seems the most active as president of the Dramatic Club. Dunbar is president of the men's Glee Club. Ricketson is our representative in the band and orchestra.

Publications are also in the line of many of the brothers. Pattie is editor-in-chief of the *Colonial Echo*, our year book, and Nodde, Norton, Burton, Scully, Roundtree, and Savage hold minor positions on the staff of the same publication. Sammons is business manager of the *Flat Hat*, William and Mary's weekly publication, and Norton is sports editor of the same sheet. Nodde and Roundtree also fill minor positions on this staff. In addition Roundtree is editor-in-chief of the *Indian Handbook* for next year.

Virginia Delta has more than its share of athletes. During the recent basketball season, our chapter received four monograms. Smith was manager for this year and Moseleski was recently elected to captain the Indian basketball team in the 1929-30 campaign. Kent, Moseleski, Davis, Strayer and Porter are members of this year's varsity track squad and are continually bringing in points for their alma mater. Moseleski is playing regular on the college nine, and upon receiving a letter in this sport, will be a four-letter man. We also have assistant managers in every sport on the campus. Those men of Virginia Delta wearing a monogram of their alma mater at present are Kent, Smith, Davis, Strayer, Dunbar, Moseleski, and Scully.

With the coming of spring, things look bright for the future of our chapter. It is true that we will lose many good men by graduation and other causes, but next year's outlook is very promising. Work on our new \$24,000 home will get under way in the near future and everything

will be in readiness for another unexcelled year in 1929-30.

PAUL W. NORTON.

VIRGINIA EPSILON

CONTRARY to the belief that with warm weather comes inactivity, we now find Virginia Epsilon hitting the high spots of success in all activities. First time trials of outdoor track were extremely successful from our standpoint. Sig Epsilon achievements were first in the pole-vault and the mile, by Pomeroy and Collette, as well as seconds in two-mile and discuss by Johnson and Gise. Martin, in the fall a varsity football man, took first in both the discuss and javelin events. Judging from these appearances we will have five monogram men in the sport this spring. Freshman trials have not yet been held but we are expecting big things from Payne in the four-forty.

A practically unheard of thing has happened this year, of which we are very proud. So proud, in fact, that we intend to hold this honor, namely, having the second highest scholastic average of the twenty fraternities on the campus.

The spring Troubadour show is going on the road soon for a week trip throughout Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee. Of the thirty-five men taking this trip, six are Sig Eps: Al Collinson, president of the organization; Homer Shook and Turner Adams in the Southern Collegians, the college dance band; Fred Collette, electrician; Jim Rash as an assistant property manager, and M. H. Stowe, faculty advisor.

We are all very sorry to have lost one of our best men, Harry Lawder, due to illness. Not only do we feel the loss but does the whole school, as he was a first string outfielder.

Officers were elected at the last meeting as follows: J. W. McDill, president; H. L. Shook, vice-president; O. P. Smith, secretary, and J. C. Rash, treasurer. We are, of course, expecting big things under this administration.

F. B. COLLETTE.

VIRGINIA ETA

WITH the advent of spring, Virginia Eta has come out of a spell of hibernation, and has taken its place, socially and athletically among the other houses at the university. Two new "V" men have been appearing at the house lately, and an extensive Easter week program promises an interesting season.

Frank Capps won his varsity letter this March in boxing with an enviable record of three knockouts out of five starts in major engagements.

Dave Stouder showed fine form on the courts the past winter and garnered the first basketball letter in several years for the house. Dave won his berth on the quint by tying Captain Millen for high point man in the Maryland game.

Jack Ayres and Paul Perkins have been trying out for positions on the baseball squad this spring. As the Virginia hurling staff is weak this year, Perkins may get his big chance.

Among the goat brothers there are several cinder artists. Frans Merritt is training with the first-year squad for the broad jump; Des Donnally is practicing with the weights for the discus throw. Doc Kimball, who came to the university this year from Yale, is promising with the javelin, having been throwing it consistently better than a hundred and seventy-five feet.

Tiny Johnson was recently initiated into T. I. L. K. A., ribbon society. Earlier in the year Johnson accepted an invitation of the P. K. dance society.

Immediately after the second term examinations, it was voted that the chapter again try its hand at entertaining a bevy of the fair sex. The Easter dance opened on April 3, hence the chapter house-party was scheduled to commence the next afternoon, the fourth. During the next twenty-four hours upwards of a dozen visitors arrived from various parts of the country.

The girls were installed on the third floor, while the brothers were compelled to sleep two deep on the second, or at least in shifts. Mrs. Kennon, wife of Brother Jack Kennon, was induced to act as chaperone, making the third time she has been conscripted for such duty.

In order to keep the guests well amused, the chapter's annual tea dance was scheduled for the next to the last day of the party. The goats were put through a strenuous work-out of cleaning and polishing so as to make the house presentable for visitors. A blanket invitation was sent out to the fraternities at the university, and over a hundred couples were present between the hours of four and six.

As this is the last chapter letter for the year, some mention must be made of the brothers who will graduate this June. Howard Yeatts, after taking his B.S. in chemistry, will leave to resume his position at the Lazote Plant, Bella, W. Va. Capps, Powelson, and Perkins are receiving B.B. degrees, while Dietrich is ap-

plicant for a B.A. Lou Mowry and Frank Goodrich leave here this summer as embryo lawyers. Monty Graham will complete his sixth year at the university with the award of a M.S. in chemistry. It is expected that a chapter third strong will be returned next September.

O. M. HANSEN.

VIRGINIA ZETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA

THROUGHOUT the year North Carolina Beta has been improving very much. The second term ended in March and the freshmen were initiated just before the Easter holidays.

North Carolina Beta holds many prominent offices on the campus this year. Some of them are, vice-president of the Pan-Hellenic Council and president of Blue Key.

North Carolina Beta is represented in almost every phase of college life on the campus. Several boys hold high military honors, they are also represented in the band, orchestra and Glee Club.

North Carolina Beta will be unfortunate this year in losing eight very good men, who will receive their diplomas in June.

The chapter was honored a few weeks ago by a visit from Grand Secretary Phillips, who gave us a real good and beneficial talk.

As it looks, North Carolina Beta will have, as usual, a very good chapter to begin a new year next September.

J. FRANK FREEZE.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

NORTH Carolina Gamma entered into second semester activities at full swing, commencing with the election of officers. In the returns, James S. Stanley was elected president, with J. Monroe Reams, vice-president; D. C. McDuffie, secretary (his second successive term in this capacity); J. M. Sample, treasurer; Carroll E. Qunnin, historian; and W. P. Budd, guard. Banes and Harriess were chosen marshals, and J. M. Reams was re-elected Pan-Hellenic representative.

The greatest amount of activity of the last quarter centered around the banquet season. From the first of January to the day of the event, March 19, the banquet was boomed at home and abroad, by special communications to the alumni and the other North Carolina chapters of

Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Washington Duke hotel, here in Durham, was selected for the affair. The ballroom was beautifully decorated with purple and red streamers which were caught at the chandelier with a red futuristic heart. At one end of the room was a large heart electrically lighted. The banquet table was in the form of a "U," and had as its decorations large vases of red tulips. The toastmaster of the evening was Fletcher Nelson, former president of the chapter. As an opportunity for a real good time and for a strengthening of fraternal bonds, the dinner was an unqualified success.

Since last year North Carolina Gamma has been steadily forging ahead, both in scholastic and extra-curricular activities. Ernest Jenkins, Duke southpaw, has been showing up well on the diamond this season. Jenkins has already won two games, defeating Pennsylvania State and Wake Forest. He allowed Wake Forest only two hits and struck out eight men in the Pennsylvania game.

The first bridge tournament held by the Pan-Hellenic Council was won by card-sharps Ivy Allen and Vernon Altvater representing Sigma Phi Epsilon. The trophy was a large silver loving cup with the chapter's name engraved upon it. Competition was very keen and our representatives were forced to defeat four other fraternities before receiving the award.

The Duke Glee Club, winners of the southern inter-collegiate glee club contest, gained the right to represent the eleven southern states in the national contest which was held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on March 9. Bruce Alexander North Carolina Gamma, who in the role of student director was unsurpassed in the southern contest, also led the club on its northern invasion.

CARROLL E. GUNNIN.

NORTH CAROLINA DELTA

AT the opening of the spring quarter we were glad to have back with us one of our pledges who was not in school last quarter.

North Carolina Delta greatly mourns the death of Reid Latham, one of our pledges, who lost his life when his airplane crashed a few weeks ago near Winston-Salem. Injuries sustained in the crash resulted in his death.

We were glad to have a visit from Uncle "Billy" a few weeks ago. We are always glad to see Uncle "Billy" and hope he may pay us another visit soon.

In the Southern Conference boxing tourney held at Charlottesville, Va., Odell Sapp went to the finals in the light heavy-weight division, losing his final bout by a close decision. Incidentally, Sapp is the only three-letter man in school.

In the quarter just passed we were well above the fraternity and non-fraternity scholastic average.

We were very fortunate in the recent campus elections. Ben Aycock was elected president of the sophomore class, N. B. Gaskill president of the third-year law class, B. M. Parker to the Publications Union Board, and M. B. Seawell chairman of the junior class executive committee.

J. H. WEATHERLY.

FOURTH DISTRICT

OHIO ALPHA

WITH the coming of the balmy spring days the chapter's attention is turned to spring football, baseball and the intramural league.

The winter quarter was a successful one from the standpoint of both scholastics and activities. There was a marked improvement in everyone's grades when the finals were handed out at the end of the term, which will put us up among the first four. This is a big jump from the fall quarter, when we were very near the bottom. Dailey and Stickle again earned their letters in basketball. Wilson, Gamber and two of the pledges were active with the Glee Club, which finished second to Ohio State in the state contest. After losing the first game of the schedule the house basketball team went strong and finished second in the league.

Schurman, Clark and a pledge have answered Coach Miller's call for spring football. Dailey, Drury, and Howells are working out daily on the diamond and a pledge is out for track. The rest of the chapter is practicing daily for the coming intramural games.

Bondley was recently elected editor of the 1930 Northern, annual senior class publication. Fessler and Moseley have been initiated into Kappa Kappa Psi, honorary band fraternity.

In the annual popularity contest sponsored by the Review, Wilson was elected the "most handsome man at Northern" and a pledge, who is president of the freshman class, was elected the "most popular frosh man."

OHIO GAMMA

AFTER our non-appearance of last quarter, we here admit our rank calumny. Our heads are "bloody but unbowed" else why would we attempt a come-back? But we find that after the initial slip it's not so facile to slip in with the news. It's hard now to discriminate between the old and the new. Do bear with us, not on us.

Our winter formal has passed into history with absolutely no casualties reported from un-Post-like use of the dinner utensils. The distinction is ours of having held the first dinner dance in the new Spanish Room of the Deshler-Wallick hotel with Bert Porter and his band, who practice faithfully here, dispensing the music. The belles of the campus were our guests. Homecoming and junior prom queens and ex-luminaries were there.

Much talk is at present rife concerning the coming initiation during the first part of the spring quarter. Worried about healthy actives on the transmitting end of a paddle, worried about everything in general, are the pledges who are due for initiation—with reservations, of course. There are approximately twelve ready to "get theirs." The active members are consoling them as usual with lurid tales of what happened when they "went through." The ruling that only those pledges with an activity will be initiated may effect some.

A former Ohio Gamma man has recently come into much prominence and honor with his election as president of the Ohio National Bank of Columbus. Edward Buchanan is the man. "Buck," only thirty-eight years old, started working for the bank as cashier soon after his graduation from Ohio State. "Buck" is also a member of the board of trustees of the fraternity. His election as president was made known about a month ago at the meeting of the governors of the bank.

We sincerely regret the death of Al Soulek's father. Al, a pledge, was due for initiation this spring. Now, he is in California, his home state.

Our grades for the past quarter as a whole were very much better than those of the spring quarter last year. We rank now about seventh scholastically with the other fraternities on the campus.

The potential advent of spring has struck us rather hard. Many "moons" among the actives and the pledges sit about in corners—thinking. The whole situation is thought to be because of the

balmy weather which we enjoyed for a few days. Many a "young man's fancy"—what fancy we can't say—is turning.

Our social affairs show marked improvement over the earlier ones of the year. The period of "blind dates" has about culminated and the choices are being made by the interested parties. The pledges are contemplating giving their dance the first week-end after spring vacation.

We were very glad to have with us the past month Bob Edwards, the national auditor, and representatives from the other Ohio chapters at the district comptrollers' meeting held here in Columbus.

Again with contrition because of our last lapse from the path of duty, we sincerely hope to be with you in these columns next issue.

THURSE SIGMAN.

OHIO EPSILON

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

INDIANA ALPHA

INDIANA Alpha is showing its wares in spring sports this spring. In baseball R. W. Spiedel is a mainstay of Coach Lambert's pitching staff. Spiedel now has to his credit one game won and none lost. His win was chalked up at the expense of Wabash College. He is expected to greatly bolster Purdue's chance for a conference championship in baseball.

L. R. Sindelar is captaining Purdue's track team this season, and he is expected to lead the way to many victories in his special event, the javelin throw. Sindelar hurled the javelin around 190 feet consistently last season and will put distance on that mark this year.

Thaver Schell is our representative on the golf squad. The regular team has not yet been chosen, but with Schell shooting his brand of golf we are sure he will be "putting" for Purdue when the Big Ten golf season gets under way.

This spring has seen the election of three Sig Eps to honorary fraternities on the Purdue campus. Lenard L. Harding has been initiated into Chi Epsilon, national civic engineering honorary fraternity. J. S. Fenton was initiated into Scabbard and Blade, national R. O. T. C. honorary fraternity. Howard H. Neiderauer was pledged to Tau Beta Pi, the highest national engineering fraternity in the country. Neiderauer has made a splendid record while in the university, being pledged to his fraternity while still a junior.

The Sig Eps have their interfraternity athletic teams in the limelight also. The volley ball team worked its way through the preliminary round into the finals with eight other teams. We then were defeated in an overtime game by Beta Theta Pi. Our baseball team is headed for the finals in that sport. To date the team has defeated Lambda Chi Alpha, and Pi Kappa Alpha. The Sig Pi's outslugged us to the tune of 8 to 6.

The bridge team has also bridged the preliminary tourney and is in the final round of competition.

This week marked the initial appearance of fifteen new Sig Eps on the campus. These new men were initiated on Sunday, April 7, and comprise one of the most active freshman classes the fraternity has ever known. The newly initiates were honored on Sunday afternoon with an initiation banquet. The new men at this time were welcomed into the fraternity by J. S. Fenton, who complimented the freshmen on their activities and "all-aroundness." Frank Fellaman, president of the new initiates, responded and expressed the appreciation of the new men to the fraternity and all it has done for them. Judge Jos. B. Ross of Lafayette, one of our most influential graduates, gave the main talk of the afternoon. His theme was the value of the fraternity life in school, and the increasing value of the fraternity as the years pass by.

Edward H. Neiderauer, our president, was given a gavel charm with the crest of Sigma Phi Epsilon mounted on it. This charm expressed to a small degree the appreciation the chapter has for the work he has done. He is the only member of the fraternity to be twice elected to its presidency. He presided over the fraternity during his junior and senior years.

We also enjoyed seeing some of the older men at our banquet: P. E. Pence, Indiana Alpha; Prof. Bur. N. Prentice, New York Alpha, and Dave Clark, Indiana Alpha.

Indiana Alpha is nearing the close of another very successful year, and all indications point to Sigma Phi Epsilon for leadership on the Purdue campus next fall.

MARION C. SMITH.

ILLINOIS ALPHA

SPRINGTIME and the second semester finds the Illinois Alpha chapter again up in the leading ranks of the campus fraternities.

We have just finished a very successful campaign in intramural basketball, the team losing out to the Delta fraternity in the final game for the university championship. The score was 18-15. We hated very much to lose this final game as the house had the best team that it has ever had, three of its members having given up their freshman varsity numerals to play on the team. However, for the third consecutive year, we won the division trophy, two of the years being runners-up for the university title. Members of the team were: Captain Arends, Pike, Steinman, Stanley, Kwal, Elliott, and Hoy.

Not only have we won a trophy in basketball, but we won the university intramural swimming meet which gave us another shield to hang on our walls.

At present, everyone is turning out to support the baseball team, which is after a trophy in that sport.

This spring we have several Sig Eps on the varsity teams. Stine and Abbott are both on the champion four-mile relay team which set a new world intercollegiate record at the Texas relays recently. Stine also runs on the two-mile relay team and Abbott has been running and winning everything from the one-mile up to the "what have you" in the intercollegiate events.

Wallie Kurz, a two-year letter man, is out for the golf team again this year. We are expecting big things of him this season.

Ray Keiding, a junior, won his second letter in swimming this year. Ray won all of his races in the dual meets and he placed third in the 220 and the 440-yard races at the Conference meet. Then he went to the National Intercollegiate meet at St. Louis and copped third place in the 220. Ray also held a regular birth on the Big Ten championship water polo team.

May was our lone sophomore to receive his Major "I" on the basketball team this season and proved to be a very capable center and a dangerous threat to the conference teams in the next two years.

The freshman class, the class of athletes, is still represented on the athletic field. Kwal, Steinman, and Pribe are playing regularly on the first football team during spring practice and Fencil is after his third set of numerals this year. Jones is the best of the freshmen high jumpers. He is on the baseball squad. Ridell and Draper just received their numerals for water polo, bringing the house total for numerals up to nine for this year, with

bright prospects for five or six more before this June.

That the boys are not spending all their time on athletics is shown by the house standing in scholarship. We raised our standing from fifty-fourth to eighteenth and although we are disappointed not to be among the first ten, we have hopes of being there before the end of this semester.

Due to the kindness of the Dads' Association the lower parlors of the chapter house have been completely redecorated with a paricor coating, giving a dark bronze finish to all the walls and ceiling.

The whole chapter is looking forward to the week-end of May 3 and 4, when we are to have the "formal of all times." There will be the customary western bar party on Friday night with the formal on Saturday. Charley Durrenberger and his Victor Recording Orchestra from Hot Springs, Ark., will furnish the music.

GEORGE M. HOY.

FIFTH DISTRICT

ALABAMA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

ALABAMA BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

GEORGIA ALPHA

THIS particular season of the year finds the boys taking an inventory of themselves. They are saying to themselves, "How well are we equipped for those examinations in June?" And as a result, most of the boys are tying themselves down to hard work. Everyone thus far this semester has done well in his studies, particularly the freshmen.

The chapter baseball team is expecting a successful season. All of the boys have been taking a great interest, and as a result our team has won several practice games. The winner of the baseball elimination tournament receives a handsome cup, so the competition will be keen. Credit is due to Manager Frank Nelson who has been very enthusiastic.

The boys are highly pleased with the newly-installed chapter at Tulane University, and we extend to them our heartiest welcome. The courtesy which was extended the men from this chapter, while in New Orleans for the Tech-Tulane foot-

ball game, has not been forgotten. Neill Lassiter represented the chapter as a delegate at the installation.

Included in the later elections to honorary fraternities are: Nathan Greene, elected to Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalistic fraternity, and one of the pledges to Skull and Key, honorary sophomore fraternity. It may be noted that the above mentioned pledge is developing into an excellent activity man, making his numeral in both basketball and baseball. Another pledge has shown up well in running the hurdles for the freshmen, and there is no doubt that he will be awarded a numeral at the close of the present season.

Only three men will be lost this year through graduation. This will leave us a very fair number to begin the fall semester.

R. B. GRIFFIN.

FLORIDA ALPHA

AN interesting thing happened a few days ago when a Sig Ep pitched against a Sig Ep in a baseball game between the Boston Braves and the Florida Gators, played on the campus of the University of Florida. Ben Cantwell of Tennessee Alpha hurled for the Braves and Eugene Fisher of this chapter for the Gators. It was a good ball game, although they beat Florida twelve to five, and I will venture to say that a few things happened in that game that wont be seen to happen again in the next few years of baseball; rather freakish plays. Before leaving town Brother Cantwell came by the house to pay us a short visit and promised to drop in to see us again when down this direction. Here is to Tennessee Alpha wishing them luck in getting more men like the "big-leaguer."

Besides having Eugene Fisher on the Gator nine, we find the great all-American end, Dale Vansickle, as one of the best center fielders in the school. Tom Perry was out for the team at the first of the season but because of a bad shoulder had to drop out.

Back in January we were given the most pleasant surprise of the year when Past Grand President Eastman stopped in to see us. He gave us an excellent fraternal talk about the fraternity at large and some very helpful hints on how to help ourselves. His visit was short but one that will not be forgotten by a single member of this chapter any time soon. Also, during the past few weeks Brothers Day and Gabriel of Missouri Alpha

stopped by to see us while in our city on business and we hope that they will visit us again.

An experiment that we tried a few weeks ago has turned out to be a good one. We constructed an aquarium of unshapely rock into the form of a Sig Ep heart, placed the skull and cross-bones and the letters of the fraternity on the bottom of the pool; and put some water ferns in it. Moss has grown all over the rock and the dozen or more small gold fish that we put into it at first have grown to good sizes for this type of fish. The green of the moss as a background make the gold fish show up well.

Our great athlete, Dale Vansickle, played guard on the Gator quintet and Eugene Fisher played forward. They both played exceptional ball, Vansickle being given honorable mention as guard on the all-American basketball team. As a token of appreciation for the wonderful record that he has made in athletics and for the good he has done the chapter, we presented him and his wife with a beautiful silver plate with a very appropriate inscription engraved upon it. Donald Mathews, our orator brother, presented the gift to Dale with one of the most beautifully worded speeches that has ever been given in our house, expressing to Vansickle the gratitude of every brother in the chapter.

We have started what might be called an art collection by having a large picture made of all of our prominent men as another way of honoring them. This year we have hung the pictures of Donald Mathews and Dale Vansickle, the former, popular man on the University of Florida who for three years was voted the most popular man on the University of Florida campus, was chancellor of the Honor Court one year, is now vice-president of the student body, and has been a member of most of the honorary societies and fraternities on the campus; and the latter, who has brought more honors in athletics to this university and to Florida Alpha than has any other man who has ever been here to school, and the thing that makes us all feel good is that Dale has another year in school and we are sure he is going to do greater things for the University of Florida, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Florida Alpha.

On February 9, we had our annual formal initiation at which time twelve pledges were made brothers. No fraternity on the campus can boast of a finer group of boys than our new men. The semester opened with the result of five

new pledges. Election of officers was held shortly after initiation and Richard Sample was chosen to lead the fellows this year.

Guss Click and Harry Clarkson are holding the name of Sigma Phi Epsilon on the varsity and freshman track teams respectively. Click has just returned with the Florida track team from a trip to Texas, where they met several track teams, and Harry is making a great record for a first year man. To our group of seventeen cups that we have won in athletics and other campus activities, Click added one more that he won in a meet held here in the state.

As for the social doings of Florida Alpha, we gave a pop-dance a few weeks ago, during the state high school basketball tournament held on the university campus, and looked over some prospective pledges for next fall. On April 18th we are going to give our big blow-out for the year in the form of a costume dance, which, if according to plans, will be one of the best features of the house party period that is to be held April 18, 19 and 20.

By the time the next issue of the JOURNAL comes out, we of Florida Alpha hope to present for your approval a very pleasant surprise.

JAMES A. CODY.

TENNESSEE ALPHA

AS it was not possible for George Johnson to serve as president of the chapter any longer than the first of the year, new officers were elected on January 15 for the remainder of the year as follows: President, Fannie Black Ladd; vice-president, Harry Meyers; secretary, Albert Bacon; and historian, Robert Johnson.

The outstanding event of the year was reached on the evening of April 12 when ten neophytes were initiated into the brotherhood. In two weeks we will hold initiation for three other neophytes who were unable to be initiated at the regular time. We feel justly proud of the new brothers in our chapter. Our pledges were as fine a group as could be found anywhere. We are also glad to say that we had more freshmen eligible for initiation than any other group on the campus. We still have fine blood in the range of our pledges as several good men were pledged with the opening of the winter and spring quarters.

Social activities on "the hill" have been keeping up a lively pace, the greatest event being the Nahheeyayli dances.

Weldin Longgley served as our representative on the dance board. During the Nahhceyayli season our house was busy with activity. On the first afternoon Fonnie Black Ladd tendered a tea dance in honor of his visitor to which two hundred from other fraternities and sororities were invited. Later in the evening the chapter gave a formal dinner party at which were gathered many visiting girls and co-eds.

The pledges seemed to have had the freshman basketball situation well in hand, placing men at regular positions at center, forward, and guard. Our interfraternity basketball team fought till the last and it was only by a small margin that we lost in the finals. However, the same team was able to bring home the city championship trophy. This week marks the opening of interfraternity baseball. Charles Freas, former varsity manager, is directing our destiny in that field. James Smith has recently been selected president of the tennis club.

For the first time since the installation of Tennessee Alpha in 1913 death has claimed one of our members. Richard Hill Fancher, class of '24, died in February at his home in Sparta, Tenn. A group of alumni attended the funeral, carrying a floral design in the fashion of our pin.

We seem to have fared well in campus elections. Leven Turner was elected treasurer of the Associated Student Body. Raymond Saunders was chosen president of the sophomore class. Saunders is also a sure mark for varsity football next year.

*Among those who have been chosen to honor societies and clubs are Leven Turner, Scarabbean; Hal Blackstock, Phi Delta Phi; Clarence Balton, Beaver Club; and Albert Bacon of Scabbard and Blade.

This week will bring the annual junior prom. Leven Turner, secretary of the class, with Clyde Paris and Hugh Smith will participate in the grand march. The annual spring house party in the mountains will be given during the last week-end in April. The affair will be held at Sunshine and over twenty couples will attend. Plans are under way for the final dances in June. At this time we will have our annual June house party in the chapter house.

ROBERT JOHNSTON.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA

HENRY L. Menken's recent reference to this institution as the "Little One Horse University of Mississippi" calls for a comment from every literary classic that goes out from the university, and the

Sigma Phi Epsilon news letter is no exception! In our minds his statement was a little premature and based on a lack of knowledge of the facts. The state is now spending \$1,000,000 for new buildings and other physical equipment into which the roots of Sigma Phi Epsilon are fast penetrating and gaining a hold which will do credit to coming generations.

Since the last letter, Mississippi Alpha has initiated six new men who are eating, sleeping and think Sig Ep. Their names would be given here were it not for the fact that we believe they will receive enough credit in this column at a later date when they distinguish themselves in their chosen lines, which vary in everything from baseball to writing poetry.

The chapter is looking forward to some furious entertainment in the near future when Henry Gantt, a graduate of the chapter last year, brings his Black and White Ramblers to the campus for two dances. Gantt was director of the Collegians while he was at school and made them one of the foremost orchestras of the state.

Election of the chapter officers for next year was a demonstration of the unity of the chapter. Every man was elected to his respective office by acclamation, and the chapter feels that its leadership for the coming session is the most capable to be found. Jim Torrey, senior law student next year, was chosen to head the bunch, and Arnold Smythe was selected to assist him as vice-president. John Love will take over the duties of secretary, Van Wilkinson will be guard, and the present historian hopes that Glen Crosby, newly-elected chronicler, will have more interesting news letters for you next year.

When this letter is forced on the personnel of the fraternity, the local at Tulane University will be a full-fledged fledgling in our ranks, and the members of this chapter will have had a good part in its installation. With our own birth fresh in our minds we intend to make the occasion for them as memorable as the Memphis alumni chapter and several of the Alabama brothers did for us. The writer may follow in the steps of Ulysses, or duplicate the feat of Lindy, but his installation into the ranks of this great brotherhood will always remain as the high spot in his life.

Members of the fraternity who happen to visit the Mississippi gulf coast this summer are invited to look up Bob Aubert and Bill Toule of Gulfport, who promise to make their stay there more interesting.

The chapter has just passed a rule which

is already in force in most of the fraternities of the south, that any member who "loses" his pin, figuratively speaking, to any member of the opposite sex between the ages of three and thirty must donate a box of ten cent cigars to the rest of the gang.

Imagine my perturbation! After having read this letter over I find that my great literary classic which was to bring roars of applause is destined to bring forth only the murmur of the proverbial brook. This, my last contribution, has failed. The poison, Jeeves.—Uff widderseen!!

G. H. HICKS.

SIXTH DISTRICT

WISCONSIN ALPHA

SCHOLARSHIP, athletics and activities in general have been keeping the boys of Wisconsin Alpha on the jump these past few months. The list of accomplishments is about as varied as campus activities will permit.

Ernie Engquist has been elected to two more honoraries since last issue. He now sports a Phi Beta Kappa key and the key of Blue Key, national service fraternity.

Ken Miles, also a Phi Beta Kappa, has been elected to Blue Key. Morton, too, now sports a Blue Key.

When four members of this year's Lawrence college debate team were elected to Tau Kappa Alpha three Sig Ep sophomores were honored. They are Morton, Hopkinson and Beggs.

It seems that debate is one of the big activities for the boys here. When three Lawrence debaters accompanied by Prof. A. L. Franzke, Wisconsin Alpha, left March 19 for a three weeks' tour of Pacific coast and western colleges Morton and Beggs were named as two members of the team.

Fred Schauer has recently been elected to Mace, honorary leadership fraternity.

As usual Sigma Phi Epsilon leads the campus for men on the glee club which recently returned from a two weeks' tour of Wisconsin. The men who made the trip are Snyder, Fredriksen, Lester, Klausner, Jones, Best and Morris. Snyder is, by the way, one of the club soloists, this being his fourth year on the club.

And in athletics the Sig Eps are taking a back seat to no one. The house basketball team came through for second place in the interfraternity struggle, winning six

games straight after dropping the first of the season to the Phi Taus. Campbell has annexed the all-campus foul throwing title, and the house foul throwing team has copped first honors in the interfraternity competition. Phenecie, truly an all-around athlete, stepped out and won for himself the all-campus swimming crown. The house baseball team is looking forward to a big year, and the horseshoe throwers are getting in trim for the interfraternity tournament.

Stegath, Campbell, Allen and Charles Miller and a pledge have all been awarded numerals for freshman basketball. During some of the frosh games four Sig Eps were playing at one time.

Eleven men have been initiated during the past six weeks. They are Campbell, athlete and scholar; West, debater, politician and scholar; Allen and Charles Miller, athletes, and outstanding scholars of freshman class; Stegath, athlete; MacKichan, musician and house athlete; Morris, musician and social hot shot; Coffey; Best, athletic manager and musician; Konrad, athletic manager; and Brock. All in all a good bunch of boys and rarin' to go.

ROBERT BEGGS.

WISCONSIN BETA

WITH Christmas out of the way literally and socially, the bunch were ready for prosaic spring activities like lugging rocks to build up our breakwater and more poetic things like, well, where have those pins gone? . . . when spring, in person, came from behind the whopping snowdrifts virtually in the middle of March.

Wisconsin closed because of influenza before Christmas, and it wasn't until March 29 that we got the traditional formal party out of the social system. This "night club formal" was followed on April 20 by the annual "pub party" which is more than an event. It borders on being an epoch.

But this is not college—although it may sound collegiate. Here's Fritz Matthias, Rez Plotz and Jach Lacher doubling up on honoraries in the engineering school. Matthias garnered the editorship of the *Wisconsin Engineer*, Chi Epsilon, honorary civil engineering, and Alpha Tau Sigma, engineering journalism. Rez Plotz became Matthias' assistant on the *Engineer*, joined Chi Epsilon and Alpha Tau Sigma, and Lacher, not to be outdone, became circulation manager of the *Engineer*, president of Polygon, men's governing board of the college of engineering,

and gathered Alpha Tau Sigma. Bill Teare rounded out the engineer's record with his election to Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary scholastic fraternity.

This Polygon position which Lacher holds makes him chairman of the St. Patrick's day parade which the estimable lawyer Dawes declares is postponed solely because the engineers fear wet feet on March 17. Of course, Mr. Dawes argues, they fear lawyers anytime. The engineers in the house sent Mr. Dawes to the interfraternity council to use his logic in assisting Chet Jorgenson, the senior member of the council.

But you should see the thespians! Yewell Tompkins acted in Wisconsin University Players until the professional stock company at the Garrick Theatre here needed some substitutes, and Tommy has been pinch-hitting ever since. Reggie Ritter, who holds a reputation as a tackle, is now using his line over the footlights, too, in the production of "Lilion." Lester Schuck is treading the boards for Haresfoor in "Hi-Jack" which toured fourteen cities in April, as "Fielding Roskne," "Alonzo Yost," or some fetching title like that. Wallie Richter is playing a male lead in the same production.

And the chests are swelling, too. Gil Krueger is the new co-captain of Wisconsin's hockey team and Lester Schuck has amateurized his professional experience around the house struggling with house books and Tommy Airis.

But the intramurals are where Sig Eps are writing Sig Epics! At a late hour, when this was written—as the *Daily Cardinal* persists in saying—the Sig Eps were wrestling for first place in the interfraternity league. By virtue of an 11-10 victory over Pi Kappa Alpha, Sig Ep won the fraternity basketball trophy. In a heart-breaking overtime game, Sig Ep lost the university basketball title to a church league team. But the Sig Eps were in the semi-finals in water polo, the world's all-wettest game, and rolled a fourth place in bowling. Sig Ep now stands in fifth place in the competition for Badger Bowl, the all-university athletic trophy.

Some of these things are chronicled in the *Cardinal*, university newspaper, where the reporters are in charge of Bill Steven, news editor, who was advanced to his new position at the beginning of the second semester. Steven and Gill Krueger, who is an artist when he's not a hockey team, got out the advertising four-page letter for the Lake Geneva student conference which comes in June.

George Drake is a charter member of

a petitioning chapter of Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity. Steven was a member of the *Toasting Fork* staff for the annual gridiron banquet sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, and got invites for the "big boys" in the house. Plotz held the chairmanship of communications committee for the 17th annual military ball, and used Matthias as an assistant.

In the all-university religious conference and international week-end, Matthias and Steven were committee chairmen.

And all the men in the house had the privilege of participating in mid-semester recess just before the spring recess . . . but then spring, vacation, Lake Mendota, and who cares about mid-semester—until grades come out?

PAUL ROSENTHAL.

MINNESOTA ALPHA

WE wish to report that we have instituted in our by-laws scholarship rules equivalent to those laid down by the Grand Chapter, and absolute enforcement of them is in effect. The administration of the university has commended the high standard of those rules, and while they are working their deadly vengeance on a few, it is only a few, so far.

Perhaps the most drastic action the active chapter has taken in the past few weeks is that regarding the pledge period and hell week. The resulting decision was that a week of little sleep, practically no studying, "tail beating," and hazing of various kinds leaves no permanent beneficial effect on a man and is a trial and turmoil for both pledges and actives; furthermore, that a much better result can be effected by a three-months' period of training and instruction interspersed with frequent "swats" on appropriate occasions, administered where they will do the most good. The "red owl" is to be used to remind and reprimand, not entertain. We believe that this will inculcate the proper ideas about the fraternity in a pledge much better than the crude, obsolete method of hell week did. This action was commended by our Grand Secretary and by Dean Nicholson of student affairs.

The Minnesota IM sports this spring find the Sig Eps rarin' to go, with unusually good material in both actives and members of the pledge organization. The golf team is to be composed of our very capable Carrol Geddes and Tom Hansen. The tennis team of Chuck Hutchinson, Joe Hyde, and several pledges, which we are sure will prove to be good material,

judging by their high school records. We are always strong in kittenball and baseball, even if most of the games are played at six o'clock in the morning. Several of the men are out for varsity baseball, track, and tennis, while George Smith is manager in the second named sport.

Prospects for a high place in the interfraternity hockey struggle were good until a "bad break" came. It was this way. The Sig Ep pucksters had trounced the Tekes 5 to 1, which the latter had difficulty in swallowing, and consequently sought bitter, bitter revenge. They were eventually successful in convincing the officials that one of our pledges had a letter in hockey from St. Thomas, which not only "knocked us for a row" as far as the IM hockey title was concerned, but also reduces the time said pledge will be able to fight for Minnesota on the varsity sextet, and, since this pledge isn't exactly punk, Coach Emil Iverson also wept bitter tears. Needless to say, the Teke chapter and Sig Ep chapter aren't much like the Biblical David and Jonathan—yet!

The initiation of February 3, which was formal, added five new men to our ranks, namely: Aurland M. Hage, Arnold P. Brastad, Russell W. Emstad, Kenneth M. Anderson, and Joe E. TeHennepe.

Due to illness in the early part of February, John Hill, who was doing excellent work as president, was forced to leave for his home, in Wisconsin. We are glad to report that he has recovered from the "flu" and is back at school this quarter. At that time George Moriarty, then vice-president, was unanimously elected president, and John Mullen was elected vice-president, also without a "nay." The new officers, elected April 8, are: Tegner Grondahl, president; Louis Rodert, vice-president; James Dunn, secretary; Arnold Brastad and Russell Emstad, marshals; Henry Clark, guard; Joseph TeHennepe, historian; and Zenus Havstad, active chapter representative on the alumni board, together with the president and vice-president. The interfraternity council representative is the president, and the executive committee is as follows: Zenus, Havstad, Frederick Anderson, Joseph Hyde, Robert Davis, and Obert Nelson. These officers will take office in the new chapter room, which will be completed on about April 15.

Plans for the formal Saturday night, April 13, with a creepy, crawly "Everglade Motif" are completed, Zene Havstad, social chairman *extraordinaire*, announces. Dim green lights, long swamp grass, snakes,

paper silhouettes of trees, and what not will be used to create the atmosphere.

HENRY B. CLARK, JR.

IOWA ALPHA

WITH the coming of spring came "hell week" for ten of the pledges of Iowa Alpha, featured with a hike or two into the surrounding countryside and a bit of entertainment on several evenings. Then after a very little of this these men who had worked hard over this period of probation and shown themselves to have the true spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon, took their places in the active meeting.

Three Sig Eps received their basketball letters from service during the past season. They were: Captain William Zillmer, Hugh Hilton and Edward Cartwright. After the close of the college season these men formed the nucleus for an independent Sig Ep team and were able to place third in one tournament and were runners-up in another. In the last they were beaten out by the champions of the Santa Fe system.

The two sports that are taking the attention of the athletes now are track and tennis. Iowa Alpha is furnishing her share of material for a successful track and tennis team with Clinton Wood as one of the fastest dash men in the Iowa Conference and Sylvan Leply a strong contender for the pole vault honors, while other men are working each day toward a place with the track team, Richard Musgrave, a veteran of the tennis courts, is back on the job and as soon as the weather permits will be making a strong bid for a place again this year on the tennis team.

Not only in the athletic activities of the college but in the journalistic field as well, Iowa Alpha is able to hold her own. In the recent election held by the freshman class for the editor of the freshman edition of the Wesleyan News, Millard Wyse, was able to carry off this honor with ease.

New officers for the chapter have taken their places a little earlier than usual due to the fact that fourteen of the members of the chapter will graduate this coming June. The new officers installed were: DeVere Peterson, president; Kenneth Craig, vice-president; Millard Wyse, secretary; Walter Rauscher, comptroller; Ralph Tomlinson, historian; John Courtright, guard.

Having received and studied the new scholastic standards set by the fraternity

the boys are making a greater effort to uphold the scholarship rating that Iowa Alpha holds on the Wesleyan campus.

SAM EWART.

IOWA BETA

"IN the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—." Well, anyway the house has been well supplied with cigars this quarter.

It may be that Iowa Beta will soon have a new chapter house in the near future. Our alumni board is working overtime; a lot has been practically decided upon; and if all goes as planned we will be living in our new home by the fall of 1930.

The formal which was held March 9, went off as per schedule. Although bad roads prevented some of the brothers from attending, a very good crowd of out of town guests was there.

Ed Schlenker, captain-elect of the football team, is working hard during spring practice to fill his new position at center. Ed is having some little difficulty, as he usually plays the tackle position. Fred Lutjens, our 200-pound football veteran, has been working out with the other "strong men" on the track team. Since the end of the wrestling season Don Blair has been working out with the tracksters and "Kelley" Garland will soon join him.

At the first meeting of the quarter we elected the following officers to serve us for the following year: Paul Shore, president; Don Blair, vice-president; Gene Alcorn, secretary; V. W. Flickinger, assistant steward; Ralph Bryant, historian.

The position of guards and marshal are being filled temporarily by Lutjens, Schlenker, and Beere.

The pledges are making very good records, both scholastically and in activities. One of the pledges has so far made freshman numerals in two sports and is quite sure of another in track. Another pledge is on the Iowa State pistol team and is also working out for track.

Iowa Beta has ranked well in intramural sports. Max Staver set out to prove that he could do something else besides play basketball and came out high point man in the indoor track meet and second in his weight in all college wrestling.

The pledges are having a "fireside" on Friday, April 12, after which the active chapter is planning a little surprise for them. It seems rather inconsiderate to spring this on them, yet it must be done.

Several men have dropped out of school at the beginning of the quarter. This leaves considerable of a hole in the per-

sonnel of the chapter but the active chapter is still large and extensive plans are being made for a systematic rushing campaign for next fall.

Last year at graduation time Iowa Beta contributed eleven seniors to the graduation exercises. This year we do not hope to equal this record or to even come close. Four men will graduate: Harlan Bindeman, Fred Lutjens, Elmer Adams and George Schweitzer.

When next fall again rolls around some of the old familiar faces will be gone from the chapter. We will miss them as we always miss our brothers. Their places, however, will be taken by new men, who will strive to do for the chapter what those before them have done.

RALPH E. BRYANT.

IOWA GAMMA

YE scribe has the pleasure of making the most important announcement this chapter has ever had to give to the brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, especially those who are members of Iowa Gamma. On September 10, 1929, the chapter will move into a new home which will be situated at the intersection of Dubuque and Brown streets. This is the object for which the members of the chapter have been striving since the chapter was founded in 1917. At times it has seemed the goal would be achieved, but circumstances thwarted the plans of the alumni board and the active chapter. During the year 1924-25 plans seemed ripe for a new home but the finances of the chapter were shattered due to an unsuccessful year. Now, thanks to the efforts of the alumni board, and particularly to the efforts of Elmer T. Lenthe, James H. Franken, and Paul E. Smith, of that board, we are to move into the new home at the beginning of the next school year.

As spokesman for the chapter ye scribe expresses the attitude of the chapter when it is realized that it is not a new home alone for which this chapter has been striving, but that they believe a new home will help to make Sigma Phi Epsilon the finest fraternity on the campus, and will make the alumni of the chapter and the national chapter prouder of the fraternity on the Iowa campus. Hard work for every man is the rule laid down. Everyone realizes it is no easy task to build a home on a campus which has fourteen fraternities living in their own modern homes.

The new house will consist of four floors and a sub-basement. The bottom floor will be made up of a study hall,

dining room, and kitchen and supply rooms. Below this basement floor will be rooms for the furnace and fuel supply. On the ground floor, or second floor, will be a lounge, large hall, guest rooms, and entrance hall. The third floor will be taken up entirely with study rooms and bath. On the top or dormitory floor will be the dormitory, five study rooms, and a bath. Sleeping quarters for forty-eight men, study facilities for forty-five, and dining room to serve one hundred, if necessity demands, describes the house as to capacity. The house will be colonial style of stone and a massive effect consisting of two great turrets at either extremity of the front will lend a tone of distinction to the building.

On May 4 the annual Sigma Phi Epsilon formal party will take place at the Red Ball Inn. Alumni and members of nearby chapters are cordially invited. Plans are under way to have the annual Founders' Day banquet at the Jefferson Hotel.

The election of officers on April 8 was a scene of a considerable hubbub. As usual several good men were nominated for the presidency. The following men were elected: Edward A. Wright, president; Jean Edmondson, vice-president; Howard B. Roebken, secretary; Leon Mitchell, guard; and Jack Patton, historian.

Activities during the course of the year found Sig Eps in football, basketball, university plays, track, party committees, and on the *Daily Iowan* staff. A predominance of freshmen and sophomores in activities seems to be the general run which will make a good foundation for the chapter in a new home next year.

J. H. TERRY.

NEBRASKA ALPHA

A campaign to raise funds for a new house has been under way for some time. During the spring recess three teams visited the alumni in the state and report a successful campaign. Plans for the new house have not yet been drawn, but will be presented within a few days.

It is the hope of the Nebraska Alpha Chapter that a new home will be ready for occupation by the beginning of the fall term this year. A lot has been already purchased which is in the heart of the fraternity and sorority sections. With the new house we hope to put on a successful pledging next fall.

Social events have not had the place that they have held in previous years as

all available funds have been put in the hands of the building committee. However, a spring party was held at the Cornhusker Hotel April 6. It was pronounced by all who attended as being one of the most successful parties of the season. Written bids were sent out and guests were required to present these at the door. This is the first year that this plan has been followed and was successful inasmuch as the "crashers" were kept out.

The date of the Founders Day banquet has been tentatively set as Saturday night, June 1. It has been the custom in former years to hold the banquet at the Lincoln hotel and that place has also been tentatively named. The banquet comes at the close of round-up week, an ancient Nebraska tradition.

The annual picnic has also been arranged and will be held Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 29. This will open the round-up week for Sig Eps and is also the last day of classes. The Sig Ep picnic and the Phi Delt lawn party have always been the envy of the campus. It is hoped this year that we will entirely eclipse the Phi Delt party.

Gomon, junior in the School of Journalism, was recently initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity.

Wertman and Justice were initiated into Gamma Lambda band fraternity. Wertman is a sophomore in the college of Engineering and Justice is a sophomore in the College of arts and sciences.

Headed by George Farley, captain-elect, the Cornhusker football team started spring training under their new coach, Dana X. Bible. The Nebraska Alpha chapter is well represented. Joe Still is casting a covetous eye on one of the wing positions. Kroger is out for tackle and Justice is holding down a guard position. In the backfield is Marquis who has been piloting the first string during practice sessions ably assisted by Farley at the wing-back job. James is on the coaching staff paying special attention to the pivot men.

N. L. FRANCIS.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

MISSOURI ALPHA

THE first week of April marked another step forward for Sigma Phi Epsilon when Psi Delta, a local at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., became Missouri Beta. Several of the boys went

down from here for the week-end and were given a great welcome by the new brothers. Missouri Alpha is looking forward to greeting the members whenever they are in Columbia.

We are proud of our newly initiated who were taken into the chapter this semester. On the evening of March 3 a formal banquet was given at the Tiger Hotel honoring the new men. Our own Paul Koontz was there and gave us one of those little talks of his that the boys always like to hear. Other alumni who were present that evening were Martin Steitz, Kansas City, Arthur Sames, Centralia, Dean Parks and Dean Ralston of Columbia.

Of course the spring formal was the big social event this semester. It was given the night of March 15 and was followed the next afternoon with a tea dance. Needless to say it was all that a Sig Ep party should be and was one of the outstanding parties on the campus this year.

Edward Staples was among the fortunate few in the school of journalism that was elected to Kappa Tau Alpha, honorary scholastic fraternity in journalism.

The success of the military ball this year at Missouri was in no small part due to the work of Lyle Ridgley, lieutenant-colonel in the R. O. T. C., and captain of Scabbard and Blade. Ridgley is known as "one of the snappiest officers in the cadet corps."

Les Burd, dashing young man about the campus, is one of the best musicians that has been at Missouri for a long while. For the last three years he has played in the leading dance band on the campus and when Les leaves this spring he will be missed by many.

With the coming of spring the pledges have given our lawn a thorough going-over so that now the new house has taken on an added charm. Shrubs and trees have added to the beauty of our landscape. With the golf links across the street and wooded hills off to the right of the house there is not a more beautiful view from the spacious front porch in the spring.

Lynn Hummell as music instructor at the David Hickman high school, has had a successful season with his musical organizations. Under his direction an operetta was given by the high school students recently.

In Workshop, Missouri's dramatic society, Matthew Bonebrake has appeared in

several major productions and has become well known for his ability on the stage.

As the time for the close of school draws near both actives and pledges are getting down to the business of studying so that when the grades come out Sigma Phi Epsilon will be near the top.

We are well represented in Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising fraternity of the school of journalism. James Coss, Edward Staples, Clarence Faulk and Matthew Bonebrake all have aspirations to be high powered ad salesmen some day. Arthur Nebel was recently elected to Scabbard and Blade and Maurice Fruit elected to Pi Tau Sigma, mechanical engineering fraternity. William Mueller, John Lyons, John McNerney, Ray Smith and Glen Smith are members of Tomb and Key.

Returning from the Easter holidays many of the boys acquired cars and now spend their leisure motoring, or fixing worn out tires on second hand Fords, as the case may be, popular pastimes in the spring at Mizzou. The pride of the fraternity is Jimm Coss' new model that has already made several trips to Kansas City which city has become of late a great attraction to Brother Coss.

The last dance of the year will be given in May and will be followed by a farewell banquet which is always given before school closes.

J. B. VAN HORN.

MISSOURI BETA

THE members of Missouri Beta chapter, having become Sig Eps only about three weeks ago, wish to introduce themselves to their brothers throughout the country. We are proud to be charter members of the new chapter at Washington University in St. Louis and want the other fifty-nine chapters to know something about us.

Taking athletics first and football in particular, we had one man, Emmett Senn, on the varsity squad, and seven men on the freshman squad. Two of these, Leslie Waid and Hurschell Blackburn, played in the backfield on the first squad and a third, Roy Coleman, was left guard. These three, according to the coaches and the St. Louis newspapers, will be on the varsity next season. On the track Homer Dunlap, Thomas Maher and a pledge are sure of their letters or numerals. York Allen is on the fencing squad and Charles Conrad on the rifle team.

In intramural sports our present ranking is sixth out of eighteen fraternities

on the campus and with a strong team in baseball and a good man, John Phillips, in golf, we expect to have a higher standing at the end of the semester. Our chapter has won its first cup as Missouri Beta, as the intramural boxing cup is now adorning our mantelpiece.

Marshall Mitchell, who comes from Kansas Alpha and has affiliated with us, was one of the three members of Washington University's debate squad which recently successfully toured the central states.

Jack and Lyndel Conreux both have roles in the annual musical comedy given by the Quadrangle Club, and Charles Judge and Fred Perabo are members of Thyrsus, the dramatic society.

The chapter has been very successful in class positions this year. Thomas Maher was elected president of the sophomore class and Leslie Ward received the sergeant-at-arms office of the freshman class. Paul Kunkel was appointed general chairman of the junior prom, the outstanding dance given under school supervision.

Arthur Schellenberg is a member of Pralma, the senior men's honorary society, and Roland Bockhorst is president of the Washington chapter of Scarab, honorary architectural fraternity. Lawrence Murtfeldt recently was initiated into Scabbard and Blade, the honorary military fraternity.

Fred Perabo was Quadrangle editor of the Hatchet, the year book of the university.

Our chapter ranked sixth in scholarship this semester. The competition was very keen with only a few points separating the first eight fraternities, and with concentrated effort on the part of the scholarship committee toward raising the freshman and upperclassmen grades, we expect to see a marked improvement soon.

Three members of the Washington University faculty are members of Missouri Beta. Charles McKenzie is a professor in the political science department, Charles Cullen is a professor in the law school and George Engel is a special lecturer in business and public administration.

Our installation banquet and dance, given at the Statler hotel on the sixth of April, which was attended by four of the grand officers of the fraternity, and the chancellor and other administrative officers of the university, was the high-light of the social season.

We wish to thank all the Sig Eps from other chapters who attended our installation, and to extend to them and all other

brothers a cordial invitation to visit us at any time that they come to St. Louis.

FRED PERABO.

KANSAS ALPHA

THE annual election was held in March, Pierce Hobbie, was elected president; Homer Henderson, vice-president; Fred Mitchell, secretary; Frank A. Hobbie, Jr., historian; Arlan Wilkinson and Eugene McMillan, marshals; Elton Peterson, master of ceremonies; and Richard Garrett, guard.

Cecil Diehl, a senior this year, has been appointed manager of the local telephone company, after serving about two years as linesman for the company.

Debate is just about at a close, with Ralph Reno and Dillon Neal as members of a campaign debate team and Pi Kappa Delta debate fraternity. This team has been entered in the Pi Kappa Delta meet at Wichita, Kansas, April 11 and 12.

Francis Clark was taken seriously ill with double pneumonia the morning of April 2. He was taken to Christ Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. He has passed the crisis and is now getting along fine. We hope that he will be back soon.

Dillon Neal was elected president of the freshman class for the second semester and Frank Hobbie was elected treasurer of the sophomore class.

Track season is now on and Kansas Alpha won the interfraternity track meet on April 6 by a good margin. Metz is throwing the discus within a close margin of the school record. Miller is running the half in 2:03 and is improving each day. He is also on the relay team. Diehl and Welch are out for the pole vault, and Arlan Wilkinson is throwing the discus.

Frank A. Hobbie was stage manager of the musical show "Who Izzy" which was written by a Baker professor. This show has made several trips to neighboring towns. Homer Henderson and Fred Mitchell took part in the production.

Spring football practice is now going on with several Sig Eps on the field doing their best for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Plans for our annual spring stag are being discussed with the idea of making this stag the biggest one ever given here. This is the twenty-fifth anniversary stag of Kansas Alpha. We are certainly hoping to have a larger group of the alumni back this June than ever before.

"Uncle Billy" Phillips, Grand Historian, Paul Koontz, Gus Rau, Kansas Gamma, and Thomas Neal, Kansas Alpha, visited

the chapter April 9. Uncle Billy was on his way to the University of New Mexico to install a new chapter there.

FRANK A. HOBBLE, JR.

KANSAS BETA

THE second semester found Kansas Beta in fine shape. Very few men left to go into business, so with several new pledges the house was still very well balanced.

On February 24 formal initiation was held and the sum total of eleven men began to learn the high ideals of the fraternity and the many benefits that can be derived from it.

On the varsity track team we have Nutter, Richwine and Coleman. Nutter does the dashes and holds a varsity berth. Richwine and Coleman are pole vaulters. They must climb the pole pretty well for they represent the school in the "Jack the Giant Killer" act.

Out for tennis are two able players, McCune and Keene. McCune is one of the tennis team and by the end of the year we are expecting him to letter. Keene by all means should get a freshman numeral in his tennis this spring.

Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity, recently initiated Coleman. Since then Hammond and Beck have been pledged Sigma Tau.

Recently Beck was elected business manager of the Kansas State Engineer, the college engineering magazine, of which Wyant was elected associate editor.

Hammond has been recently elected president of Mortar and Ball, honorary military artillery fraternity, and is pledged Scabbard and Blade, honorary military.

On March 23 our spring formal was held at the Wareham hotel ballroom. A serenade came after the party. We were very pleased to have some members of Kansas Gamma chapter present at the party. We are always glad to have men from other chapters at any time.

Plans are being made for a big rush week next fall that will net us the cream of the campus.

ALVA L. FRASHER.

KANSAS GAMMA

IT is not the purpose of these articles to tell of the misfortunes of a chapter, but it seems Kansas Gamma has had heavy burdens pushed upon her consecutively and consistently during the past two or three months. During Christmas vacation

the new chapter house, which was only a few weeks from being ready for the house warming, was completely destroyed by fire. Kansas Gamma had been looking forward to the completion of the new home with greatest pleasure. Brother Gus Rau, in accord with his usual spirit of progressiveness, started to clear the debris immediately; so that now the house is again replaced with the same specifications as before and will be ready for the big house warming and spring formal events in April.

Then on January 14 Harold Hughey, one of the chapter's outstanding active members, was suddenly taken ill with spinal meningitis and passed away two days later. Kansas Gamma was looking forward to important things from Hughey as a chapter officer in the future. He was one of those fellows of whom every chapter needs several to keep the enthusiasm of rushing alive. Hughey was the kind of a chap who is known all over the campus by his pleasing ability of getting along with people.

The death of Hughey caused the house to be quarantined, throwing upon some fellows extreme hardships regarding studying as the quarantine was lifted just three days before final examinations began.

In spite of the obstacles the active members of Kansas Gamma made better grades than any semester for some years.

On Sunday, February 17, eleven neophytes were taken into the brotherhood, thus indicating a commendable record of grades regarding the pledges also. The big job now is to get these eleven pledge buttons into circulation again at the University of Kansas on the Sig Ep brand of fellows.

Due to believing the new house would be ready by January, no parties have been given, and we are not planning any big social event until we do get into the new house in April—then watch the boys go. As Brother Hampton, the alumni treasurer, says, "The formal will be on a Friday night, Saturday will be alumni day, with a 'hang-over' Sunday." It hasn't been determined just what is meant by a "hang-over" but it is thought to be a continuance of the house-warming activities at that time.

In intramural competition Kansas Gamma has been unusually successful. In playground baseball the percentage was well up the line. In horseshoes, Leslie Fisher is in the finals and due to his ability of pitching "ringers" as often as desired there should be little question as to the

Kansas University champion horseshoe pitcher. In swimming Dwight Castello, Taylor, Martin, Oswald Bundy, and Roger Kruse kept the flag waving for three seconds and other points. Basketball is still going strong; so that the boys are nearing the semi-final bracket, having lost but one game out of six.

Carl Meng, an alumnus of Kansas Gamma and graduate engineer of Kansas University, visited the boys early in February. Meng has been in Persia the past two years with a company of American engineers building a Persian railroad. At the expiration of his contract Carl came home by way of some seventeen European and Asiatic countries. His stories and accounts of his experiences kept the boys from studying for the time, but "Count's" news was mighty interesting to the entire chapter.

L. KAMPSCHROEDER.

ARKANSAS ALPHA

SINCE Arkansas Alpha made her grades, and has resumed her social privileges, dinner dances have been held at the chapter house every other Friday night. Eight or ten of the best dancers in school are the dates at each dance.

Easter vacation cost many a Sig Ep his pin. Four of the boys who went home for the vacation came back without their pins. We wish them and theirs the best of luck.

Hugh N. Leiper, who is now with the Southwest Gas and Electric Co., pays us a visit about every three weeks. He never fails to stop at the house if only for a short chat.

The chapter has been fortunate to have Bill Paisley back with us for a couple of days. He has lately been transferred from the New York office of the United Fruit Co., to its Boston office. He is now making a 3,500-mile trip in the interest of the company interviewing men at many of the southern universities and selecting them for jobs with the company. He is rapidly rising, as a Sig Ep should.

Sammie Rosson spent last week-end with us. It seemed almost like old times to have Sammie with us again. He is interested in the insurance field at his home in Paris, Ark., but expects to enter school next fall and get his degree.

On March 17th, Arkansas Alpha initiated thirteen men. The chapter is expecting big things from these men in the years to come.

Kavanaugh Bush was elected rush cap-

tain for next year. His address is 3024 West Twelfth, Little Rock, Ark. We are having date cards printed for rushing purposes, and any man wishing any of them can be supplied by notifying Bush at the chapter house or at his Little Rock address after June 1.

Bush, as a member of the University of Arkansas debating team, helped Arkansas complete a very successful debating season.

Denton Brewer, chapter president, is a regular pitcher on the varsity baseball team. He has won some very hard games this year. Among his conquests is the Northwestern University team which he turned back with a five to one victory for Kansas.

Cecil Wroten has recently been elected editor of the Arkansas Engineer for next year, a position which has been very capably filled by W. W. Owen.

Wyc Owen is the only man Arkansas Alpha will lose by graduation this year. He has been one of the outstanding men on the Arkansas campus during his four years here. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Chi Sigma, Scabbard and Blade, Blue Key, Press Club, and General Engineering Society. He was a member of the band '25, '26, '27; Math Club '26, '27; A. S. C. E. '25, '26; Delta Psi; Arkansas Engineer staff '27, '28; lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. '27, '28. The last engineers' day, Wyc was chosen to represent St. Pat, and ruled supreme for the day. He is editor of the Arkansas Engineer this year, and is a major of the second battalion of the R. O. T. C. He was a member of the Engineers' Who's Who in 1928 as a junior and again in 1929 as a senior.

Arkansas Alpha has obtained the former Lambda Chi house at 753 West Dickson street. It is situated directly across the street from the campus, and it is believed that we will be materially benefitted by our change.

GARTH E. McMILLEN.

OKLAHOMA ALPHA

WELL, spring is here all right. The brothers are playing baseball, winter "heavies" have been discarded, spring nights, dances and parties are all under way and the only objection we have heard against the coming of this blithe season is from the pledge who has to sprinkle the lawn every evening.

Oklahoma Alpha is bringing the year to a close by playing a very important part in the college publications. We have

had more representation in this type of activity this year than we have had for some time. Louis Blackburn, after serving as managing editor of the *O'Collegian* during the entire year, has been appointed editor to fill the term of the previous editor who has withdrawn from school. Blackburn is also razz section editor of the *Redskin*, the college yearbook. Harry Long is circulation manager of the *Aggrievator*, and is also on the advertising staff of the *O'Collegian*. Orlando Blackburn is night editor of the *O'Collegian*, while Fred Sweazy, John Shaffer and Tom Hailley have been serving as reporters.

Ambrose Patterson has been elected president of the student association. Spring elections are here and among our men busily engaged in "polly-ticks" are Raymond Ellis, Phil Rodgers, Harry Long, Harry Stone and Orlando Blackburn.

Oklahoma Alpha celebrated its ninth birthday on April 7, when a large number of alumni were back to enjoy a review of the chapter's accomplishments and to plan for the future.

We will lose a number of good men through graduation this year. Dale Eddelman, who has been the able chapter president for two years, will go out into the big world, as will Wright Canfield, Eulis and Ortis Cobb, who, by the way, have succeeded in getting good positions in Chicago. Bill Williams will bring his college career to a close this year, and Jimmy Dvoraek will graduate after winning his third year letter in baseball. The absence of these men will be sorely felt by the active chapter.

The interfraternity baseball tournament is under way, and we have won from the Lambda Chi's and Beta's, and lost to the Kappa Sigs. Following the baseball there will be track, tennis and swimming. Spring football practice is going on and a number of our men are out daily.

Five of the brothers journeyed to St. Louis for the installation of Missouri Beta, and report a very good time.

THOMAS W. UTTERBACK.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

COLORADO BETA

SPRING finds Colorado Beta men concentrating their efforts on athletics in order to win the intramural championship trophy presented to the fraternity scoring the highest number of points in intramural

athletics. The chapter is in a position to win the cup if they place first or second in the coming track meet, Sig Ep having placed well up in the basketball league and having won the wrestling championship. Herbert Smith, a fast sprint man from Drake, will probably make his major "D" besides helping the fraternity put another cup on its mantle. Eugene Dietman, a three-letter man in baseball, is again occupying center field on the varsity. Several freshmen are showing up well on the diamond and should win their letters. One occasionally finds some alumnus practicing on the cinder track for the A. A. U. meet to be held in Denver this summer.

Although sports are drawing the attention of quite a few of the brothers, other activities have not been neglected from lack of interest. Along literary lines, Bob Romig and Louis Middlemist are supervising the year-book publication, while C. L. Herzog is writing sport features for the *Denver Clairion*. Joe Hanna and Howard Banks were recently elected to Quill Club, a national literary society. Banks also made the Drama Club by displaying his superb acting in a recent university play. Phi Beta Sigma, an athletic fraternity, recently initiated one of the chapter's prominent pledges.

The annual Denham theatre benefit party was held on April 9. It proved to be a financial success, enough money being raised to renovate the house. This affair is always well attended by alumni in Denver. This city now claims the largest number of Sig Ep alumni in the United States.

The Colorado Beta Sig Ep quartet continues to enjoy a successful season. They frequently sing over the radio and entertain at different musical affairs on the campus and throughout the city. They are now considering a contract with a theatrical concern to tour the western states during the summer.

The social committee promises to give Colorado Beta one of the best spring dances it has ever enjoyed. This function takes place in May at one of the large country clubs. Mullins and Durham, two active alumni, recently entertained Colorado Beta at a delightful spring house dance.

CHARLES W. BRUNTON.

COLORADO ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

COLORADO GAMMA

THE initiation of seven men marked the opening of the second semester at Colorado Gamma. These men are all active and will be leaders on the campus.

We had one outstanding man in both swimming and wrestling this year. Charlesworth set a new conference record in the 100-yard dash in swimming and won the conference championship in the 220-yard dash. French won the conference championship for the third consecutive year in the 158-pound class in wrestling. French is a first-rate football player, and has taken part in many activities on the campus during his sojourn at Colorado Aggies. He is president of the "A" Club this year.

Track and baseball are attracting the attention of the chapter athletes at present. Ryan and Sprengle will be valuable men to the track team this year. As they are not letter men they will be able to account for a few points in interfraternity track. Freeauff and Vaughn are out for baseball and showing good stuff. We have won the interfraternity baseball championship seven of the last eight years and do not intend to let it slip through our fingers this year.

At the election of chapter officers the following men were elected: Dickerson Warner, president; William Vaughn, vice-president; Ray Sprengle, secretary; Robert Morrison, historian; Robert Knox, guard.

ROBERT MORRISON.

COLORADO DELTA

DR. C. M. Knudson, professor of chemistry at the Colorado School of Mines, was initiated into Colorado Delta of Sigma Phi Epsilon on December 16, 1928. Dr. Knudson is a member of Sigma Xi, scientific society, and Gamma Alpha, a graduate-scientific society. He is also a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon and Alpha Chi Sigma, chemical societies. Dr. Knudson is one of the most popular men on the campus and has the interests of Sigma Phi Epsilon at heart.

Brother Ernest Bond of Colorado Delta received one of the greatest honors to be gained by a freshman on the Mines campus. After playing practically full time on the varsity basketball team he was elected captain of next year's basketball team. To be elected captain of varsity basketball while still a freshman is a great honor and is significant of unusual prowess on the floor. Needless to say, Bond received his letter in this sport.

When the letters for the last year's athletics were awarded Sigma Phi Epsilon received its share. Reamer Patten received a letter in track and in wrestling. John Kathe and Thomas Pulver received letters in swimming. Eugene Pressett, Ernest Bond, Donald Michaelson, Ralph Johnson and a pledge received their frosh numerals for playing on the frosh football team. Pressett was captain-elect of the frosh team. At the same time as the letters were awarded, the various managers received their awards. Pulver received a blanket for football manager and Hanford a fob for assistant football manager.

And now turning from the realm of fall and winter sports to those of spring we find Patton and Putz on the baseball squad, while Buchanan, under the high sounding title of assistant baseball manager, is a sort of bat boy and so forth. Johnson and two pledges are out for track.

Reamer Patten, Donald Michaelson, Ernest Bond, Eugene Pressett and a pledge are out for spring football.

Turning back the hands of time a ways, eleven pledges were duly initiated into the brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon on February 3, 1929.

George Leslie is the editor of the *Prospector*, which is the school annual.

Stanley Hall was initiated into the professional fraternity of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. Robert Williams was initiated into the professional fraternity of Theta Tau.

On April 1, 1929, the election of new officers was held. Robert Williams was elected president; Henry Sanderson, vice-president; Lawrence Buchanan, secretary; George Leslie, historian; Ralph Johnson, guard, and Eugene Pressett and Robert Crabtree, marshals.

,LAWRENCE BUCHANAN.

NINTH DISTRICT

MONTANA ALPHA

FIVE dollars is five dollars—so again we take our quill in hand and search the files for things to be recorded.

First, Carl Rankin has been elected captain of next year's Grizzly basketball squad. This is a climax to his two years of varsity play, in which he has gained a reputation as one of the best guards in the Northwest Conference. On occasion during the past season he was shifted to forward where he played a bang up game.

Lester Graham was the other brother who earned his sweater in the casaba sport this year. Lester, playing guard, was good all the time, but his big evening was when the famous Montana State Bobcat quint played in Missoula. In that game, Graham repeatedly took the ball off the backboard from such elongated gents as Ward and Breeden. Montana was leading far into the second quarter when Graham twisted an ankle and had to be taken from the game. The usual Bobcat rout then followed.

Our track prospects this year are excellent. The Ed. has mailed additional material on this subject but as we realize the weaknesses of certain eds. in recognizing the merits of some people's writing, we shall recite briefly about the track squad.

Stevlenson, our state record holder, looks better than ever in his specialty, the 220 low hurdles. He should break his own record of 24.8. Graham is tossing the platter with unusual vim. He was credited with a 137 feet this year, and promises the boys 140 or better this spring. Claude Samples, the flash himself, is running rings around the rest of the Grizzly sprint men. He is credited with 10 flat in the 100 dash and 22 seconds in the 220. A pledge, who completes our list of track lettermen, is unable to go out this spring, but promises big things next year. He specializes in the distance gallops. Promising sophomore material include Archie and Bud Grover, and William Jurden, who has developed after a lot of hard work. Rankin and Schulz are out trying to learn the mvsteries of the javelin throw. We await the results with interest. Turner and Spaulding are working with the frosh tracksters, as is a pledge. That makes eleven men out for track.

A pledge who has gained prominence in several lines, his particular pet being interpretative dancing, distinguished himself in the annual swim meet last March when he set a new school record in the distance plunge. His mark of 53 feet exceeded the former one by 8 feet. He is now out on the gridiron doing his dozens. We're laying odds that he will make the two California trips next fall.

"M" Club held its annual boxing tournament the first of the quarter. Grover, fighting a man twelve pounds heavier, and who holds a state amateur title, lost his welterweight crown. He gave this boy the battle of his life, but lost only through inexperience. As a local sports writer said, "A smart lad against a game boy."

R. Todd Struckman, our contribution to the intelligensia, and who sings either tenor or tralto deliciously, has lately been appointed editor of the 1930 Sentinel, university year book.

Socially we have sparked. The installation ball last quarter, at which five new brethren flashed their pins, proved to be a big evening. Two firesides were also held which, we believe, registered with the fems.

This quarter we plan a formal dinner-dance, and a fireside. And 'tis whispered, if we hung up our stockings, and wash behind our ears, mayhaps there shall be a house party on Flathead Lake to wind up the year. This is a rumor as yet, but we live and hope.

LEONARD SCHULZ.

WASHINGTON ALPHA

FOR the second consecutive year a Sig Ep has been appointed on the "Big Five" as "Big Chief" of campus day activities. Each year there are five men picked to handle the campus day activities. They are men who have been very active in school affairs during their four years in college. Donald Phipps was not only chosen as a member of this group, but was also picked as the "Big Chief" for this year.

Officers for the new year were elected at the last chapter meeting. They are as follows: Stanley Williams, president; Henry McLeon, vice-president; Stanley Rall, secretary; Howard Morgan, guard; James Gillespie and Manyard Lundberg, marshals, and Donworth Macomber, historian.

On March 10, 1929, ten up-and-coming neophytes were initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon. They are a representative group, containing good men in all branches of college activities. We expect great things from them in the future. Seven men were pledged at the beginning of the new semester. They are already getting the right spirit, and should develop into good men.

The spring weather has been late in getting here, but nevertheless spring football, track, and baseball are all under way. In football we have our usual large representation. Elmer Schwartz, who starred at guard last fall, has been moved to fullback, and is showing the makings of a good backfield man. Morgan, Ahlskog and a pledge are also out for positions on the varsity. Several other good football men are not out this spring because they are turning out for other sports. In track

we have Jack Mooberry showing up well in the sprints, Lyle Maskell and Fred Timm are trying the hurdles, Robert Gough is out for the high jump, Charles Markham for the discus, and Henry McLeod for the sprints. There are also several pledges out for positions on the frosh squad. In baseball Oscar Jones, Manyard Lungburg and a pledge are trying for places on the varsity. They all look like good prospects for making the team. There are several turning out for frosh baseball. Karl Norby looks like the best of the bunch. He is a chucker. Kenneth Driskill is again out for wrestling and should easily make his third minor "W."

There are several intramural sports on now. We are tied for second in our league in indoor baseball with three wins and two defeats. In the relay carnival that is being held we are tied for third place. Only half of the events have been run. Our chances are very good to raise our standing before the finish. Outdoor baseball will soon be started, and we hope to win the cup that we so nearly won last year. Later also comes intramural track. We were second last year and want nothing less than first this year. Henry McLeod is intramural manager for the house.

George Oliver has been appointed track manager for this spring, and was awarded his manager's "W" at a recent student meeting. Walter Wyrick has been appointed football manager for next fall. Jay Keller is a junior track manager, and Paul Sward is one of the assistant managers in track. Karl Norby and a pledge are acting as assistant managers in football.

In newspaper work we have quite a number participating. Donald Phipps is business manager of the "Evergreen." Stanley Williams is one of the editorial writers, Henry McLeod is sports editor, and James Gillespie is on the sports staff. Stanley Rall is collection manager, and two pledges are also doing work on the paper. Stanley Williams is managing editor of the humorous magazine, "The Cougar's Paw." On the "Chinook" staff we have Charles Markham.

Walter Wyrick, Stanley Williams, Paul Sward and several pledges are interested in politics. Stanley Williams is chairman of the junior week-end committee. Charles Markham has been appointed on the booster committee.

Our last social function was the annual formal dance which was held on the twenty-third of March at the chapter house. Credit for its success are due Gilbert Behrend and the other members of

the social committee. Previous to the dance the downstairs floors had been sanded, and all the downstairs rooms had been calcimined. Everything was in wonderful shape for the formal. The floors were so shiny that one could almost see oneself in them. The next social function will be the "Speato" dance held jointly with the Alpha Tau Omegas each year. This time the dance is to be held at our house. Later will come our spring semi-formal dance. It is planned to hold this some time in May. This will complete our social functions for the year.

The Glee Club recently made its annual tour of the state. Robert Youse had one of the leads in the play given, and was also a member of the varsity quartet. Ralph McBride has a part in the college play, "Beyond the Horizon," which will be given here later in the semester.

Henry McLeod has been elected to Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalistic fraternity. Stanley Ball has been elected to Alpha Delta Sigma, honorary advertising fraternity.

In the annual soph-frosh supremacy contest, members and pledges from our house were prominent as leaders of the contests. Howard Morgan was one of the captains for the sophomores.

Practically every man is out in some college activity. Along with our activities we are trying to raise our grades. Several alumni have been back to see us, and we hope that more will drop in before the year is over.

DONALD LEWIS FOX.

WASHINGTON BETA

A REVIEW of the past few months shows an active interest in practically all of the phases of college life by the members of the chapter. Study, of course, has come in for a large part of the attention of the boys, but they have also found time to participate in the extra-curricular activities to a large degree. Athletics, both varsity and intramural, have had the most universal appeal, but social activities, debate, journalism, and politics have had their share of attention.

The main event of spring vacation, which just ended, was the Stanford-Washington indoor track meet. This meet, the first of its kind to be held at Washington, was of special interest to Sig Eps because two members and a pledge were participating, Vierick in the 220. Bale in the 440, and a pledge in the two-mile. These men are facing their first year of varsity competition and should give fine accounts

of themselves in this and future seasons. Al Hartman, a sophomore high-jumper, also stands a good chance to break into the letter winners' ranks this year.

In intramural athletics, with a team composed of Bale, Vierick, Hartman, Embre, and O'Neil, and a pledge, the Sig Eps won the intramural track championship by a wide margin. Another championship was annexed when Clifford Bloom won his second wrestling title in the 125-pound division from a field of hardy grapplers.

Bobbie Burns and Girton Vierick were barely defeated in the intramural debate finals after making a splendid showing. Strother has made a place for himself on the varsity debate team again this year.

The main event of the winter social season was the formal party held at the Inglewood Golf and Country Club on February 22. Several smaller parties and an exchange dinner helped to round out the social program.

Sigma Phi Epsilon put a strong indoor baseball team on the field, but by losing one game were eliminated from the championship running. However, as the outdoor league will soon be under way, they will be given a chance to redeem themselves. Jerry Calhoun and Bob Digman are turning out with the varsity baseball squad at the present time. Calhoun looks to be a cinch to hold his old position as ace of the varsity pitching staff, while Dignan is also showing promise as a hurler.

A few touches of spring weather have brought knickers and golf clubs out of the moth balls, and canoe cushions are being renovated for the coming season.

HERBERT MADSEN.

OREGON ALPHA

GEORGE Boomer will lead Oregon Alpha for the coming year. Other chapter officers elected were Maurice Fletcher, vice-president; Alfred Landes, secretary; and Russell Mills, manager. Charles Holman will manage the intramural athletics in which our baseball team will try for the trophy.

In varsity athletics the chapter has three representatives. "Al" Landes is trying for center field. He is especially strong at the bat. A pledge is fulfilling expectations on the rook mound after winning his numeral at football and basketball. George Gayer holds No. 6 position in crew which was first started at Oregon State last year. He also won the heavyweight wrestling championship of the college.

Seven pledges became brothers last term when the chapter initiated Donald Gillanders, Henry Clements, Earl Dibble, Ellis Cummins, Howard Hansen, Charles Holman, and Paul Keir.

The chapter was well represented when honorary pledges were announced. Out of the seventeen pledged to Scabbard and Blade, national military honorary, five were Sig Eps including George Boomer, William Sisson, Edwin Parker, Donald Gillanders and a pledge. Parker was also appointed chairman of "Guests of Honor" for the annual military ball. Boomer and Parker were initiated in Sigma Tau, national honorary fraternity in engineering, and Boomer was elected corresponding secretary, and Parker was elected treasurer for the coming year. Boomer was also elected president of the Y. M. C. A.

Oregon Alpha has been active in debate, forensic, and extempore work. Denver Garner won second in the "State Old Line" contest.

Daniel Bryant, an orator of two years, represented Oregon State in the annual Pacific Coast oratorical contest held at the University of Idaho. His topic was, "An Ass Laden with Gold." Barnard Joy, two-year man on the varsity debate squad, represented the college in the annual Pacific Coast extempore contest held at Washington State College. A pledge saw varsity action for the first time this year when he debated against Pacific University. Loren Smith is expected to represent Oregon State in the state extempore contest held at McMinville. Donald Gillanders and Barnard Joy in the first debate of the season to be broadcast over radio, upheld the affirmative in a debate against the University of Nevada. Donald Ford, retiring president of the house, and manager of debate, won a 2 to 0 decision over the University of Wyoming. Ford also went on a barnstorming trip the first part of the season. He has been prominent in debate and forensic work, and has participated in eight major debates this year.

A baby was adopted by the brothers, but this time it is a grand piano.

Russell Mills and a pledge have been appointed positions on the Barometer staff for the coming year. A pledge won the Sigma Delta Chi journalistic contest for writing the greatest number of inches of printed matter during the term. Earl Dibble, last year's winner of the cup, was awarded a pin for one year's service on the Barometer staff.

The following seniors will be graduated

in June: Donald Ford, George Gayer, Ralph Mize, George Blinkhorn, Robert Huffman and Marrs Gist.

OREGON BETA

WHEN members of Oregon Beta return to school in the fall they will find the chapter house completely remodeled and renovated. Approximately \$15,000 is to be spent for construction changes and new furnishings. A Portland contractor, father of one of the brothers, has been given the job, and plans to begin work about June 10 and complete it within three months.

To make it even more a family matter, Al Hilgers, sophomore in architecture and the house's most promising candidate for a baseball letter, has drawn all the plans. He has worked out a system whereby radical changes may be made without materially affecting the structural soundness of the house. Under his plans the following changes will be made: a large side porch will be made into a den opening off the living room; a guest room and bath, with a dressing room for dinner guests, will be added to the ground floor; the kitchen will be moved from the street side to the back of the house, and the dining room will be enlarged by extending it through the present site of the kitchen; a cook's room will replace the present over-size back porch; another study room and an enlarged bathroom will be added to the second floor; on the third floor four more study rooms and a bath will be added, and the two sleeping porches will be enlarged.

The present dark woodwork will be replaced with a drift-wood finish. New hardwood floors will be laid down stairs and cork linoleum in all the study rooms upstairs. The roof will be resingled and painted green, and many of the present windows will be changed to a colonial type with green shutters. An attractive porch and doorway of colonial design will replace the present front porch. An oil burner will be installed in the furnace, thus doing away with the annual cordwood mess and lightening the labors of the freshmen.

These changes will make the house practically a new building, and will increase the capacity to thirty-eight or forty men without crowding.

The work of filling the house next fall with thirty-eight good men is in the hands of Joe Freck, who is acting as rushing

chairman. Under his direction a theatre rushing party was held in Portland during the spring vacation. The Portland alumni co-operated with the active members in making it a success. Fifteen men, representing the best of Portland high school seniors, were entertained. Plans are already being made for a rushing dance to be held in Portland next September, a week or so before the resumption of school.

Eight pledges were initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the end of January. Three new pledges were initiated the first week of April.

Oregon Beta was well represented in turn-outs for spring sports. Twelve men, a third of the membership, turned out for baseball, track, and spring football. Al Hilgers, Frank Sparks and Al Fries are out for varsity baseball, and Don McCormick has reported to the coach of freshman baseball. Phillip Livesley, Harlow Hudson, Dick Horn, Carey Thomson and Marvin Curran are out for track. The first three earned track numerals in their freshman years and have a good chance to make letters. Nils Eklund and Al Naslund are out for freshman track.

At the last house meeting of the winter term, officers for the coming year were elected. Dick Horn, last year's vice-president, was chosen president, and Carey Thomson was elected to the vice-presidency. Other officers are Jack Rollwagen, secretary; Roe Buzan and Charles Stocklen, marshals; John Dodds, guard; and Dave Wilson, historian.

Two new pledges moved into the house at the beginning of the spring term.

The social program of the winter term was featured by the upper-class and under-class dances, held on February 9th and 22nd, respectively. The upperclassmen obtained the use of a large new barn on a farm just outside the city and gave a genuine barn dance. Not to be outdone, the underclassmen gave their dance in the golf clubhouse near town, which they cleverly decorated with thousands of playing cards.

Ted Morehouse of New Hampshire Alpha and California Alpha has been a frequent visitor at the chapter house during the past few months. The chapter has granted Gard Moody's petition to transfer his membership to California Beta. Moody lives in Santa Monica and transferred to the University of Southern California at the start of the winter term.

DAVE WILSON.

TENTH DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

WITH the closing of the spring semester, California Alpha feels that she is finishing up one of the most successful terms in her history. She has gone far in the field of sports, and has not been behind in other activities.

With track and crew the most important sports of the semester, California Alpha finds herself in an enviable position. The track is practically infested with Sig Eps and we have a man in varsity crew and a man in the jay vee. In the track Bisby made his Big "C." He took first meet with Washington April 13, Spencer in the 100, running it in 9.45. Everette Scrivner tied for first in the pole vault with a jump of twelve feet. Although Giguire and Johnson did not do as well as usual in this meet, the big meet with Stanford should bring forth their best efforts, and then there will be some surprises. Pax Akers is throwing the javelin and should throw two hundred or more by the time of the big meet. Al Regan, formerly Cal's leading hurdler, is out helping Walt Christie, coach.

In the varsity shell we have Hubert Caldwell, Olympic games crew veteran. He is rowing No. 7, and is one of the crew which beat the wonderful Washington eight by five and a half lengths. In the jay vee, Phil Condit is representing the house. Although only a sophomore, he has been rowing in the jay vee all semester.

This year California Alpha has her first junior track manager. Cliff Merriam occupies this coveted post. Doug Trehwitt works out as sophomore manager.

We started our social activities with a formal dinner dance at the Berkeley Country Club on February 2. With Al Hanson as chairman of the social committee, the dance was bound to go over big. Finishing up the semester, we held a sport dance at the house, Saturday, April 13. The house was decorated with crew emblems, in honor of the Washington race. The titles of the dances on the program were also indicative of crew.

On February 3, following the formal, California Alpha held a formal initiation at the house. The initiation was followed by a formal dinner, at which the five new brothers were honored.

JACK SPENCER.

CALIFORNIA BETA

THE warm sun of "Sunny Southern California" is again shining upon us and we of California Beta would rather spend our days at the beaches than in various classrooms of the University of Southern California. But such is life, and we must take the unpleasant, so to speak, with the pleasant.

At the present time two members of the chapter are displaying their prowess before the crowds that attend the Southern California track meets. Milton Maurer, the sprinter of the day, and Brice Schurr, our 880 man, are certainly boosting the chapter. Maurer is rapidly rounding into shape and is capable of doing the 100 yards in 9.8 seconds. He will be in the best of condition by the time the IC-4A meet is conducted in Philadelphia. Schurr is also in trim and we expect much of him when he goes east this spring.

The Los Angeles Evening Herald carried the following story about Maurer:

"Maurer, who weighs all of 130 pounds under the showers, is the surprise package of Troy this season. Unheralded and unsung, the former Manual Arts high flea-weight has become one of the most welcome assets to the squad. He has run second to Captain Charley Borah in every big 100-yard dash this year and is now shaping up as the second-best Trojan furlong man."

Following close on the trail of the tracksters in prominence is Theo Holzhausen, a first baseman of the Trojan baseball club. Theo has seen active work in several of the games this season and may get a chance to make the trip to Australia, which the club is making some time in June.

Whenever we hear any noise about the house we can conclude that it is either "Big Bad Bill" Emerson doing one of his favorite songs or it is Cuifford Weimer, our lone debater, trying to prove that the jury system should be abolished. Cliff is the chapter vice-president and is one of the outstanding platform speakers on the 1929 squad. Weimer has been initiated into Delta Sigma Rho, national forensic fraternity. He has participated in six intercollegiate debates and has made one debate trip. Alpha Kappa Psi called out to John Connelly, who is wearing the A. K. Psi pin.

If any of the chapters doubt that we dance out here, you ought to get a look at Herbert Cook, who took part in the annual university extravaganza, "College

Days," in which Herb gave a feature specialty act. He is right there as a tap dancer. Cook has also been initiated into the Trojan Knights, a junior and senior honorary on the campus.

Woe be unto the historian who does not give the new initiates a break! Maynard Rosenberger is looking forward to the business managership of the Daily Trojan. Anyone wishing his address will find him every afternoon in downtown Los Angeles selling advertising to the business men. Edward Owen displayed his old fight and spirit when he tied for second place in the number of points in the annual inter-gym class track meet. Ed was slated as an ordinary competitor but he won the broad jump and ran a close second in the 100-yard dash. Willard Voit is a sophomore track manager.

A brand new activity verily leaped into the house when Pat Humphrey, the fencer from Texas, was initiated. In the past few years Pat was rated by experts as the best fencer of his age in the section. He is trying to live up to the record which he has made and we dare say that he is doing a mighty good job. Pat has also been initiated into Kappa Zeta, a pre-medic fraternity.

At the beginning of the second semester two Sig Eps came to our chapter. Gard Moody, Oregon Beta, and Bruce McInnis, Wisconsin Alpha, are with us. Both are enrolled at the university. We are mighty glad to have them with us.

We are certainly running true to form again this year in scholarship, for California Beta chapter has won third place among the social fraternities at the University of Southern California. Tau Epsilon Phi and Zeta Beta Tau won first and second places respectively, with Sigma

Phi Epsilon close to the second winner. We are determined to rank ever closer to the top at the close of the present semester.

The second annual banquet of the Los Angeles alumni was given at the Beverly-Wilshire hotel on March 2 and the entire chapter and pledges were invited. We all turned out en masse. Dr. O. D. Jennings, Nebraska Alpha, who so ably acted as toastmaster at the installation banquet last June, was the master of ceremonies. Everything was perfectly staged, including the entertainment.

For one time only, we all became Irish, and gave a St. Patrick's dance at the El Caballero Country Club on March 16. We had a real time, although not all of us came from old Erin. As this is written plans are under way for the annual formal. Beach parties, week-end mountain trips, and trips to Catalina Island are common since it is warm.

Perhaps this is the last chapter article that I shall write. California Beta is just about ready to celebrate her first birthday and we are going to make "whoopie" in big style when June 9 comes. I hope that all members were as eager to read the young California Beta chapter articles as we were to read those of other chapters.

Vacation time shall soon roll around and then we can forget, for the time, such things as professors, books, and classes. Until the September or November issue of the JOURNAL, we bid you all "good-bye" and may your vacation be an enjoyable one. If any trips are made, do not forget that we are in Los Angeles at the University of Southern California.

DICK H. MILLER.

Author: I've just written my first novel. There isn't an immoral line in it.

Critic: That's not a novel. That's a text book.—Owl.

Prof: What is "accrued interest?"

Dumbshe: A crude interest? That means being evil-minded.

—Texas Ranger

MARRIAGES and BIRTHS

MARRIAGES

Kendall M. Wood, Kansas Gamma, to Margaret Whitla. At home in Kansas City, Mo.

Clay Ward, Kansas Alpha, to Violet White, Alpha Chi Omega.

Price Dickinson, Arkansas Alpha, to Helen Catlin. At home in Fayetteville, Ark.

Marshall Glenn, West Virginia Beta, to Helen Deffenbaugh, Pi Beta Phi.

Ivan M. Patten, Colorado Gamma, to Evelyn Reichenbaugh.

William J. Kepner, New York Alpha, to Evelin Harwood, Alpha Gamma Delta.

William W. Ricks, North Carolina Delta, to Lucille Jones.

Hubert L. Rawlins, North Carolina Delta, to Mary Virginia Wilkins.

Clarence L. Lawless, Kansas Alpha, to Virginia Airy, Alpha Delta Pi.

Edward Hedges, Kansas Alpha, to Flossie Hargett, Alpha Chi Omega.

John Lawrence Dier, Missouri Alpha, to Ellen Kate McPherson. At home in San Francisco, Calif.

Paul Calvin Matthews, Missouri Alpha, to Lois Elizabeth Hensel. At home in Chicago.

James Malloy McQueen, Missouri Alpha, to Frances Evelyn Johnson, Chi Omega. At home in Monett, Mo.

Lyle Cunningham, Missouri Alpha, to Goldie Lyle. At home in Miami, Okla.

Harold Gibbs Yunker, Missouri Alpha, to Roberta Swearingen. At home at Sedalia, Mo.

Charles A. Rose, Missouri Alpha, to Dorothy Gene Chumbly. At home in Monett, Missouri.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris Jackson (Pennsylvania Eta), a daughter, Jane Slack Jackson.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lockwood Mitchell (Tennessee Alpha), a son, Frederick Lockwood II.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Swanson (New York Alpha), a daughter, Frances.

In Memoriam



HAROLD MILLER HUGHEY

Kansas Gamma was plunged in gloom by the sudden death of Harold Miller Hughey, of Linwood, Kansas, following a short illness from cerebro-spinal meningitis. Funeral services were held January 18, at his home in Linwood, members of the chapter acting as pallbearers. A beautiful heart of flowers presented by the brothers, adorned the casket along with many other floral offerings.

His sudden and untimely death was the occasion for great sorrow among the members of the fraternity and in the many activities in which he participated on the Hill.

Brother Hughey was initiated in the spring of 1928. He was a junior in college, having attended Kansas State Agricultural College one year and the University of Kansas two years. He took a very active interest in the affairs of the fraternity, taking part in all phases of work.

ALLAN M. MANNING

Allan M. Manning, Oregon Alpha, died early in April in Vancouver, Wash., from cerebro-spinal meningitis. He was thirty-five years old at the time of his death and engaged in the contracting business.

He was a graduate of Oregon State College where he was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon and was the delegate from Oregon Alpha to the Indianapolis Conclave in 1919. He was also a member of Sigma Tau, engineering fraternity, Methodist Episco-

pal Church, Masonic lodge, Kiwanis Club and the American Legion at Vancouver, Wash. He was very prominent in musical circles in that city as well as during his student life. He was married in March, 1922, and is survived by his wife, a daughter, Beth Eleanor, aged five, a son, Allan M., Jr., his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Richards, a sister, Mrs. Hazel Terrill, all of Vancouver, and a brother, Carlisle Manning, Linnton, Ore. The funeral service was held from the Methodist Episcopal Church in Vancouver and the pallbearers were Harold and Vinton Robinson and Victor Hesse, all of Portland, Ore., Lloyd Gregg and Ivan Stewart, both of Salem, Ore., and Lloyd Hathaway of Brush Prairie, Wash., all fraternity brothers of the deceased.

RICHARD HILL FANCHER

Richard Hill Fancher, Tennessee Alpha, died on January 3, 1929, at his home at Sparta, Tenn. Brother Fancher had been ill for about two weeks with influenza which finally developed into pneumonia, and was the cause of his death.

Tennessee Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon have lost a most valued brother in the death of Brother Fancher. He was a young lawyer and had a bright political and legal future. We could ill afford to lose a brother like him.

Brothers from the Nashville Alumni Association were honorary pallbearers. They sent a large floral wreath in the shape of a heart. His

death is mourned by his many friends over the state and South, and to the minds of many comes the thought, "He was called by death, even as he entered the threshold of greatness."

RAY RICHARDS

Wisconsin Alpha chapter was inexpressibly shocked in January when it received word from Seattle, Washington, announcing the death by drowning of Ray Richards. Brother Richards graduated from Lawrence College in June, 1928. Since last fall he had been teaching in Moran Junior College for men in California. The school is moved each year from California to Washington for the second semester. It was while sailing a small boat in Puget Sound with one of his students that Richards and his companion were swamped in a heavy storm. The bodies have never been recovered.

While in school Richards was one of the outstanding men on the Lawrence College campus. At Moran Junior College he was one of the most popular men on the faculty, according to word from school officials.

GEORGE WM. MACHAMER

George William Machamer, class of 1921, Colorado School of Mines and charter member of Colorado Delta, passed away in Santa Barbara, Mexico, late in January, 1929.

Brother Machamer's death, due to a mine accident, was a sudden blow to his many friends and acquaintances who with his chapter, mourn his death.

Brother Machamer, besides being a member of Colorado Delta, was active in the honorary fraternity of Sigma Gamma Epsilon and in the A. I. M. E.



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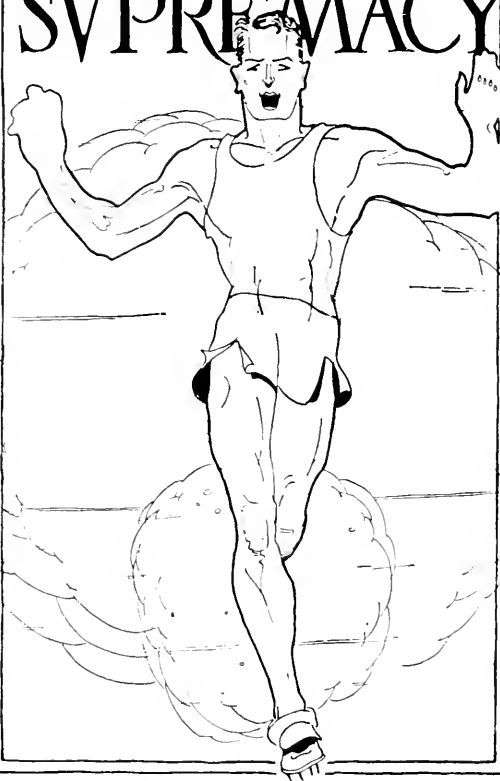
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